

ECTS Syllabus

Course Title	Advanced International Relations Theory				
Course Code	PGT- 315				
Course Type	Core				
Level	1st Cycle				
Year / Semester	3 rd year				
Teacher's Name	Dr Giorgos Kentas, Dr Michalis Kontos				
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	1 or 2 (3 hours per week)	Laboratories / week	N/A
Course Purpose and Objectives	The main objectives of the course are to introduce students to a range of substantive literatures that attempt to explain and/or understand international relations. It examines specific IR theories such as realism, liberalism, international society, constructivism, and competing methodological approaches to the interpretation and evaluation of political claims and contemporary global events. It also seeks to apply IR theory to specific cases studies and empirical contexts.				
Learning Outcomes	After completion of the course students are expected to be able to: 1. Illustrate an understanding of theoretical literatures on international relations. 2. Illustrate a familiarity with the primary critical evaluations of these literatures. 3. Demonstrate an appreciation of the complexity of ways of knowing about political and international affairs. 4. Assess and evaluate competing claims about modern political and global life. 5. Illustrate oral and written communication skills in the formulation of conceptual problems and be able to organize the available time and cope with deadlines. 6. Use IT skills as study and communication tools. 7. Have the learning skills to allow them to continue education in a self-directed manner and to work on an academic level within the intended professional field. 8. Make efficient use of libraries, bibliographical material and academic research.				
Prerequisites	PGT-101	Required	N/A		
Course Content	1. Introduction 2. IR and Social Science 3. Realism Classical Realism Structural Realism				

	4. Liberalism and Neoliberalism 5. Marxism 6. The English School 7. Critical Theory 8. Constructivism 9. Modified Theories - Modified Structural Realism - Intergovernmental Institutionalism - Neoclassical Realism 10. International Relations Theory and Globalization 11. War and Cooperation in IR Theory
Teaching Methodology	Lectures, discussion, literature review, assignments, personal guidance.
Bibliography	▪ Jackson, Robert & Sorensen, George. 2022. Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches (8th edn). Oxford University Press. ▪ Dunne, Kurki & Smith (eds.) 2024. International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity (6th edn). Oxford University Press.
Assessment	Assignment(s), midterm exam, final exam, participation, response to papers, presentations, quizzes
Language	English