COURSE DETAIL

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND CONFLICT

Country
United Kingdom - England

Host Institution
University of Cambridge, Pembroke College

Program(s)
Summer in Cambridge

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science International Studies

UCEAP Course Number
111

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND CONFLICT

UCEAP Transcript Title
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UCEAP Quarter Units
5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

How do states cooperate with each other? How do they engage in conflict? Do these strategies of engagement change over time? These are some of the most important questions in the field of International Relations (IR) and they lie at the center of this course. Researchers and practitioners have asked those questions throughout human history – the increasingly competitive landscape of international security in the last decade makes such questions all the more potent. Starting with the onset of World War I and ending in the near future, this course explores the nature of conflict and cooperation over approximately the past 100 years. It introduces students to the different actors, processes, and technologies that shape these dynamics. This involves themes and topics such as why and when states start wars, how they may be prevented, how powerful states build international orders and for what reasons, whether international institutions are autonomous from states or subservient to them, the consequences of the rise of populism on interstate politics, and the nature of the current conflict between Russia and the West.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Course Details
https://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/international-programmes/pembroke-cambridge-summer-pr…

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Social Sciences

Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department
Course Last Reviewed 2025-2026

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