

COURSE DETAIL

TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Country

Korea, South

Host Institution

Korea University

Program(s)

Korea University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

165

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

TECH&INTL POLITICS

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course explores the impact of technology on international politics, introducing key international relations theories and examining how technological advancements influence patterns of war and peace, as well as the dynamics of cooperation and conflict among states.

The first part of the course focuses on the development of nuclear weapons and their implications for international relations. It addresses critical questions such as: Does the advent of nuclear weapons represent a fundamental shift in the nature of warfare and international relations? Why and how do states pursue nuclear weapons? What international efforts exist to regulate their proliferation?

The latter part of the course examines the role of emerging technologies from the new industrial revolution, such as artificial intelligence (AI) and autonomous weapons, in shaping international affairs. It tackles questions like: Do cyber operations alter the nature of warfare? What ethical considerations are necessary for regulating autonomous weapons? How does social media influence international relations? Through these inquiries, the course provides a comprehensive understanding of the intersection between technology and global politics.

There is no prerequisite for this course, but basic knowledge of international relations theories is expected (A recommended course before taking this course: Introduction to International Politics)

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

POLI389

Host Institution Course Title

TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department

[Print](#)