

COURSE DETAIL

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Country

Italy

Host Institution

University of Bologna

Program(s)

University of Bologna

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science International Studies

UCEAP Course Number

115

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

INTL POLITICS

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

The course provides students with knowledge of the major theories and approaches to the analysis of international relations. In order to do so, it will focus on the structure of the international system, the dynamics of cooperation and conflict in the international arena, and the evolution of war in international politics. At the end of the course, students are able to distinguish the key factors underpinning cooperation and conflict in world politics and to use the major theories in international relations to understand contemporary international political phenomena.

The course introduces students to the main theoretical traditions in international relations, including realism, liberalism, constructivism, the English School, and critical approaches to IR. It explores how these traditions conceptualize power, security, interests, institutions, and ideas, and how they contribute to our understanding of international politics. Students engage with the core theories of the discipline, such as balance of power, hegemonic stability, institutionalism, democratic peace, and capitalist peace. The course also examines the constructivist emphasis on norms and identity, the English School's analyses of the evolution of the international order, as well as critical IR perspectives, which challenge mainstream theories by highlighting issues of inequality and colonialism.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

81295

Host Institution Course Title

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

BOLOGNA

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

L in ECONOMICS, POLITICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Host Institution Department

ECONOMICS

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