

# POL 220 International Relations

## COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: ENG 002 or DRE 097; or satisfactory score on placement test

Corequisites: None

This course is a study of the effects of ideologies, trade, armaments, and alliances on relations among nation-states. Emphasis is on regional and global cooperation and conflict, economic development, trade, non-governmental organizations, and international institutions such as the World Court and United Nations. Upon completion, students should be able to identify and discuss major international relationships, institutions, and problems. *This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement general education core requirement in social/behavioral sciences.*

Course Hours per Week: Class, 3. Semester Hours Credit, 3.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completing requirements for this course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the theories and practices of international relations.
2. Discuss the history and development of nation-states, the balance of power, anarchy and sovereignty.
3. Discuss the patterns of conflict and cooperation among nation-states, the concept of war, foreign relations among nation-states, first world nations vs. third world countries, the cold war and post-cold war eras, the function of international law, the impact of international governmental and non-governmental organizations.
4. Discuss international economic relations, the problems of the global environment, the pressures of population and migration, and the impact of the internet on international relations.

## OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

- I. Approaches to International Relations
- II. The Historical Context
- III. International Relations Theories
- IV. The International System
- V. The State
- VI. The Individual
- VII. International Organizations
- VIII. War and Security
- IX. International Political Economy
- X. Human Rights
- XI. Transnational Issues

## REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL:

The textbook and other instructional material will be determined by the instructor.