



PRESENTACIÓN

Breve descripción:

- **Course name:** Foundations of World Politics
- **Degree and School:** International Relations, School of Law
- **Course category:** Basic
- **Number of credits under the European Credit Transfer System:** 6 ECTS
- **Student's Workload:** 150 hours
- **Curriculum:** Double Degree in IIRR and Law
- **Teaching Language:** English

The International Relations sphere increasingly defines and shapes our domestic politics, our economic development, our cultural framework and our daily lives. From a purely Inter-State conception, the academic study of International Relations has been incorporating new actors and transnational phenomena that have been shaping a complex, interrelated and constantly evolving global system. Global Media, massive migrations, social movements, multinationals companies and the global digital communication irruption are some of these phenomena that are increasing both the World Politics complexity and the international impact towards the domestic dynamics.

COMPETENCIAS

CG04 Uso apropiado del lenguaje especializado en el estudio de las relaciones internacionales. CG05 Elaboración de argumentos bien articulados sobre diversos asuntos de relevancia internacional

CG07 Comprensión crítica de los aspectos fundamentales más importantes en el estudio de la política internacional así como de sus dimensiones específicas

CB1 Desarrollo de las habilidades necesarias para la adquisición y desarrollo del conocimiento, que amplíe capacidades previas a través del estudio de manuales y bibliografía académica especializada.

CB3 Capacidad para identificar la información relevante así como para elaborar análisis de datos conducentes a la formulación de juicios de valor consistentes y reflexiones bien informadas y equilibradas sobre aspectos internacionales de relevancia sociopolítica, científica o ética.

CB4 Comunicación eficiente de información, ideas, problemas y recomendaciones tanto para el público en general como para audiencias especializadas.



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CB5 Desarrollo de la autonomía y adquisición de criterio sólido en el acercamiento a la realidad internacional.

Competencias específicas:

CE01 Capacidad para el uso consistente de los conceptos y técnicas de análisis de las relaciones internacionales, así como de sus estructuras, actores, agenda y procesos. CE07 Capacidad para el análisis geopolítico básico así como para el diagnóstico de problemas de la sociedad global.

CE13 Comprensión y manejo crítico de las ideologías políticas contemporáneas y de su importancia en las relaciones internacionales.

CE20 Capacidad de evaluación de los problemas internacionales en términos de su relevancia histórica, socio-política, económica y jurídica.

In this course, students will acquire the conceptual and methodological tools necessary to understand international reality, analyze its evolution and identify the factors and subjects that shape its dynamics.

The sessions methodology will be participatory, dynamic and interdisciplinary. These sessions will be composed of both theoretical and practical sessions in which students will perform presentations on various global issues applying their creativity, teamworking skills and analytical abilities. In order to reinforce the knowledge acquisition, the presentation will be complemented with public debates, audiovisual resources exhibitions, computer practices and international cases resolution contests employing the main international organizations' databases.

PROGRAMA

Lesson 1. Theoretical Foundations of World Politics

1.1. The shift from IR paradigm to Globalization paradigm

1.2. The 5 main factors of the shift

1.2.1 The economic victory of the US against the USSR

1.2.2 Japan as a world economic power

1.2.3 Adoption of capitalism by China

1.2.4 Growth of interdependence and interconnectedness

1.2.5 Emergence of global non-state actors

1.3. The 4 main consequences of the shift

1.3.1 From state-centrism to the mixed-actor model



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- 1.3.2 From independence to interdependence
- 1.3.3 From domestic/international divide to transnationalism
- 1.3.4 From international anarchy to global governance
- 1.4. Globalization: definition, types and positions

Lesson 2. Approaches to World Politics

- 2.1 Introduction to Approaches to World Politics
 - 2.1.1 Conflict and competition in World Politics: From Ancient Greece to Ukraine's War
 - 2.1.2 Collaboration in World Politics: From Mesopotamia to Bretton Woods agreements
- 2.2 Other approaches to World Politics
- 2.3 Institutionalization of approaches to World Politics

Lesson 3. Models of World Politics I: Economy, Communication and Civilizations

- 3.1. Role of the models in the study of IR
- 3.2 Francis Fukuyama and The End of History
- 3.3. Samuel P. Huntington and Clash of Civilization
- 3.4. Joseph S. Nye and Smart Power, Strong Power and Soft Power

Lesson 4. Models of World Politics II: Geography, Society, Military Deterrence, and Development

- 4.5. Ian Morris and the geographical factor in IR
- 4.1 Amartya Kumar Sen and the Human Development Index
- 4.2 Hans Rosling and the macro analysis in International Relations
- 4.3 Von Neumann and Game Theory

Lesson 5. International Subjects and Actors



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5.1 New global powers I: BRICS

5.2 New global powers II: MINT and others

5.3. International Organizations: Notions and typology

5.4 The United Nations (UN)

5.5 The UN Treaty Database

5.6 The International Monetary Fund (IMF)

5.7 The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

ACTIVIDADES FORMATIVAS

Oral presentations: The student must perform, in groups, **2 oral presentation** on a international topic. The teacher will guide both the subject choice and the subsequent debate. The oral presentation can include graphs, pictures, audiovisual elements and Powerpoint presentation. Both the research work and the presentation will be assessed. After the exposition, a debate moderated by the professor will be performed with the rest of the students on the topic explained.

Each presentation will be 10% of the final mark. In total: 20% of the final mark.

Case Resolution: The professor will explain how to research employing the UN Treaty database and, subsequently, will present different questions related to World Politics. The student will have to solve it, in groups, by accessing the main international institutions' databases like the UN Treaty database. Teamworking skills, creativity, criteria and empiric-based answers will be assessed.

The case resolution activity will have a weight of 5% in the final mark.

Short essays and debates: For each lesson, the professor will upload a small reading on the lesson's main ideas and a list of short questions. The student will have to read it, reflect about it and critically answer the questions briefly and concisely in a document. In each lesson a small debate will be conducted where the students will participate, in turns, to share their views and ideas that have been reflected in the document. At the end of the semester, the student will submit to the professor all the answers that has been elaborating during the course in a single document. Both the participation in the debates and the writing job will be assessed. Critical thinking, creativity, and capacity to dialogue and debate constructively will be valued.

The short essays and debate activity will have a weight of 5% in the final mark.

EVALUACIÓN



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CONVOCATORIA ORDINARIA

The final mark of the course will be based on the elements listed below. Both the practical part and the theoretical part must be passed in order to pass the course:

I Final Exam: 70% of the final mark

The final exam will consist of a test and/or a series of questions in which the student must demonstrate the acquisition of the theoretical knowledge taught in the subject.

Value: 70% of the final mark.

II Practical part: 30% of the final mark

II.I Oral expositions

Set of oral presentations in which the student will deep in International Relations aspects and specific cases. These exhibitions will be held in groups and the grade will be the same for all group members.

Value: 20 % of the final mark.

II.II Case Resolution

A set of International Relations real cases presented to the students and they will must to solve them in groups using the main international organizations databases, legislation and international jurisprudence. The note will be the same for all the members of the group.

Value: 5% of the final mark.

II.III Short essays and debates



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Individual research deepening in World Politics readings through a Q&A document and a debate on the answers. The document must be done individually and there will be a brief debate with all the class for each reading on the conclusions reached by the student.

Value: 5% of the final mark.

CONVOCATORIA EXTRAORDINARIA

- A final exam will be done including all the parts of the lessons studied in class

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