



Universidad
de Navarra

Fundamentos de Relaciones Internacionales

Guía docente 2024-25

PRESENTACIÓN

Breve descripción:

- **Titulación:** Grado en Economía + Leadership & Governance
- **ECTS:** 3
- **Curso, semestre:** 2023/24, Primer Semestre
- **Carácter:** Obligatorio
- **Profesorado:** Juan Ángel Soto Gómez
- **Idioma:** Inglés
- **Aula, Horario:** Seminario 22 (Edificio Amigos). Viernes de 10:00 a 12:00

Introductory course on international relations divided into two sections. Section one examines the history of IR and the main theories pertaining to this subject. Namely, idealism and realism. Besides these two, international liberalism will also be studied in detail, as well as the international liberal order. Section two goes through a number of more practical elements, as it reviews the main actors and dynamics, both historically and today, as well as some applications and projections on this field. These two sections will also include practical exercises that will be later translated into an essay.

PROGRAMA

SECTION 1. THEORY

08/09. Session 1: Introduction: Syllabus, evaluation criteria & Genesis of International Relations (theory)

22/09. Session 2: International Idealism, International Realism and International Liberalism (theory)

29/09. Session 3: Theory review & Case study: Ukraine War

Homework: Mock Essay (practice)

06/10. Session 4: Critical theories (theory)

13/10. Exercise 1. Essay (practice) *The Ukraine War from and Idealist and Realist IR perspectives*

SECTION 2. APPLIED

20/10. Session 5: Actors, structure and dynamics of IR (theory & practice)

03/11. Session 6: IR applications to geopolitics and geoeconomics (theory & practice)

10/11. Double session:

Session 7: Towards a multipolar world (theory & practice)



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Exercise 2. Essay (practice) *Globalization from an IR perspective*

17/11. Session 8: IR at play. Field experiences.

24/11. Double session: recap.

ACTIVIDADES FORMATIVAS

AF1 Clases presenciales teóricas

AF2 Trabajo en grupo

AF3 Estudio personal

AF4 Tutorías

AF5 Evaluación: test

EVALUACIÓN

CONVOCATORIA ORDINARIA

December Evaluation

- In-class exercises, assistance and participation: 20%
- Essays (2): 30% (15% each)
- Final Exam: 50%
- Extra: 5% (written assignment)

CONVOCATORIA EXTRAORDINARIA

June Evaluation (resit)

- Essays (2): 40% (20% each)
- Final Exam: 60%
- Extra: 5% (written assignment)

HORARIOS DE ATENCIÓN

In person: Fridays from 12 to 1 pm

Online (ZOOM or similar): Fridays from 2 to 3 pm

To arrange a meeting, please write an email to jasotog@external.unav.es

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A) Basic readings:

Papers:

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Videos

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