

I. COURSE INFORMATION

- A. POL 250 Introduction to International Relations
- B. 3 credit hours
- C. Scott, Carter, and Drury. *IR: International, Economic, and Human Security in a Changing World*. 3rd ed. California: Sage Publishing, 2018
- D. Prerequisites: none
- E. KRSN: POL 1030 International Relations

The learning outcomes and competencies detailed in this course outline or syllabus meet or exceed the learning outcomes and competencies specified by the Kansas Core Outcomes Groups project for this course as approved by the Kansas Board of Regents.

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course acquaints students with basic terms, events, and theories in the study of international relations, and applies these to international problems such as economics, conflict/war, foreign policies, international law, and ecological issues.

III. LEARNING OUTCOMES

- A. Differentiate, evaluate, and utilize competing theories and concepts in International Relations, classical and contemporary
- B. View International Relations through different levels of analysis, such as global, state, and individual actors
- C. Distinguish among the roles of multinational, state and non-state actors in International Relations
- D. Analyze and synthesize patterns of conflict and cooperation in International Relations
- E. Explore and analyze International Relations topics such as international law, security, economy, environment, and human rights as they apply to current events

IV. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- A. International relations theory
- B. Conflict and security
- C. Economic issues
- D. Human rights and the environment
- E. Future challenges

V. ASSIGNMENTS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Reading assignments
- B. Writing assignments
- C. Discussions
- D. Presentations
- E. Quizzes and exams

VI. EVALUATION METHODS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Attendance and participation
- B. Assignments
- C. Quizzes and exams