

# POL-2070: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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## Cuyahoga Community College

**Viewing: POL-2070 : International Relations**

**Board of Trustees:**

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**Academic Term:**

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**Subject Code**

POL - Political Science

**Course Number:**

2070

**Title:**

International Relations

**Catalog Description:**

Study of International Relations. Explores how individuals, nation-states, non-governmental and international organizations interact with one another. Emphasis on major sub-fields of security, international political economy, international development and the global environment.

**Credit Hour(s):**

3

**Lecture Hour(s):**

3

**Lab Hour(s):**

0

**Other Hour(s):**

0

## Requisites

**Prerequisite and Corequisite**

ENG-1010 College Composition I and POL-1010 American National Government, or by instructor's discretion.

## Outcomes

**Course Outcome(s):**

Analyze and interpret the complexities of the dynamic, unprecedented global change occurring at this time.

**Essential Learning Outcome Mapping:**

**Critical/Creative Thinking:** Analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to consider problems/ideas and transform them in innovative or imaginative ways.

**Civic Responsibility:** Analyze the results of actions and inactions with the likely effects on the larger local and/or global communities.

**Cultural Sensitivity:** Demonstrate sensitivity to the beliefs, views, values, and practices of cultures within and beyond the United States.

**Information Literacy:** Acquire, evaluate, and use information from credible sources in order to meet information needs for a specific research purpose.

**Written Communication:** Demonstrate effective written communication for an intended audience that follows genre/disciplinary conventions that reflect clarity, organization, and editing skills.

**Objective(s):**

1. Analyze the nation-state System.
2. Differentiate between motives and methods employed by nation-states to achieve power.
3. Evaluate motives and methods of non-state entities' pursuits of power and sovereignty.
4. Analyze competing global political and economic theories.

5. Classify four different levels of analytical perspective.
  6. Examine global security, economic, immigration, and environmental issues.
  7. Delineate the nation-state and non-state global policy options.
  8. Debate the effectiveness of policy options on influencing global policy.
  9. Research and discuss perspectives on global events.
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**Methods of Evaluation:**

1. Essay exams
2. Objective tests
3. Quizzes
4. Participation in class discussion
5. Projects and research papers
6. Book and article reviews
7. Oral reports
8. International news/media analysis

**Course Content Outline:**

1. Definition of the nation-state system
  - a. Physical Borders
  - b. Political Sovereignty
  - c. Thirty-years' War
  - d. Peace of Westphalia
  - e. Development of the Canon of International Law
2. Power base of the nation-state (Capabilities)
  - a. Military capacities
    - i. Weapons Systems
    - ii. Armed Forces
    - iii. Technologies
  - b. Economic capacities
    - i. Natural Resources
    - ii. Banking Systems
    - iii. Markets (Trade)
    - iv. Currencies
    - v. Productivity
  - c. Diplomatic capacities
    - i. International Organizations
    - ii. Interstate-relationships
    - iii. International Law
3. Non-state entities
  - a. NGOs (Non-governmental organizations)
  - b. IOs (International organizations)
    - i. UN (United Nations)
    - ii. IMF (International Monetary Fund)
    - iii. WTO (World Trade Organization)
    - iv. WB (World Bank)
    - v. Other IOs
  - c. MNCs (Multi-national Corporations)
4. Political Theory
  - a. Totalitarianism
  - b. Democracy
  - c. Theocracy
5. Economic Theory
  - a. Capitalism
  - b. Socialism
6. Levels of Analytical Perspective
  - a. Individual
  - b. Group

- c. Nation
- d. Systemic
- 7. Global Issues
  - a. Nationalism
  - b. Environmentalism
  - c. Security/Terrorism
  - d. Tribalism
  - e. Migrations
    - i. Refugees
    - ii. IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons)
  - f. Privacy
  - g. Poverty
  - h. Opportunity
  - i. Education
  - j. Political Empowerment
  - k. Advocacy
  - l. Population
  - m. Other issues

## Resources

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### Resources Other

1. Film: The Fog of War
2. The New York Times (daily newspaper)
3. Nightly television news (network)
4. [www.msnbc.com](http://www.msnbc.com)
5. [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)
6. [www.cia.gov](http://www.cia.gov)
7. Monograph: From Finish to Start: Linearity, Advocacy and Symbolism in U.S. Foreign Aid Policymaking

### Instructional Services

#### OAN Number:

Ohio Transfer 36 TMSBS and Transfer Assurance Guide OSS012

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