

## Master Syllabus

### PLS 2220 - International Relations

**Division:** Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences

**Department:** Political Science

**Credit Hour Total:** 3.0

**Lecture Hrs:** 3.0

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#### Course Description:

Principles and techniques of international politics, including theories, organizations and different world perspectives.

#### General Education Outcomes:

- ❑ Oral Communication Competency
- ❑ Written Communication Competency
- ❑ Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Competency
- ❑ Values/Citizenship/Community Competency
- ❑ Computer Literacy Competency
- ❑ Information Literacy Competency

#### Course Outcomes:

##### International actors

Identify and discuss international political actors, including nation-states, international organizations, transnational corporations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or better

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##### Conflict and conflict resolution

Knowledge of issues related to international conflict and methods of conflict resolution.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or better

##### Foreign policy: security, trade, interventionism

Knowledge of foreign policy issues such as security, foreign trade, and intervention in international situations.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or better

##### Theories of international interactions

Analyze and describe historical and contemporary political theories of international relations, including idealism, realism and behaviorism.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or better

#### Outline:

Theories of international relations  
The nation-state and nationalism  
Power and capabilities of nation-states  
Power and capabilities of other international actors  
National interests and other interests  
Foreign policies and decision-making theories and processes  
Perceptions and behaviors of key actors in the international system