

## **INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATION**

The course will provide an introduction to international politics in the context of the end of the Cold War and the intensification of economic, social and political processes on a global scale: 'globalization'. It is a foundation course which qualifies students to take further options in international politics and international political economy. It is designed to provide a coherent framework introducing students to the main issues in contemporary International Relations and the controversies surrounding them. The course is divided into two sections: 'Theories of International Politics' and 'Globalization and International Organizations'.

### **PRELIMINARY READING**

Baylis, J. and Smith, S. (eds.) (2005) *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (Oxford: Oxford University Press). This textbook covers the majority of the topics covered by the course.

Stears, J. and Pettiford, L. (2005) *International Relations: Perspectives and Themes*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (Harlow: Pearson Education).

Armstrong, D. *et al.* (2004) *International Organisation in World Politics*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (London: Palgrave).

**Title: Introduction to International Relations**

**Course Code: SESS1102**

**Course-unit value: 1.0cu**

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**Availability: Full Year**

**Open to: Compulsory for 1<sup>st</sup> year students on the 'Politics and East European Studies' degree**

**Open to students on the 'Economics and Business' degree**

**Course leader: Dr Felix Ciuta**

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**Aims:**

1. To introduce a number of theoretical frameworks for understanding events in world politics.
2. To critically analyse concepts and theories of globalization.
3. To demonstrate the relationship between events in world politics and theories of International Relations.

**Objectives: By the end of the course, you will have acquired:**

1. The ability to identify, describe, and critically assess the main theories of International Relations.
2. An understanding of the global dimensions of politics from a variety of perspectives.
3. The ability to discuss in an informed and critical manner the origins and future prospects for the UN, NATO, EU and OSCE;
4. The capacity to provide examples of the relationship between theory and practice in world politics;

<b><u>Teaching &amp; Learning Methods:</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Hours:</u></b>
<b>Lectures:</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Tutorials:</b>	<b>10</b>

**Assessment:**

***Coursework:***

**Coursework:** One non-assessed essay of 1500 words each term. The essays are compulsory, but they do not count towards the final mark.

***Examination:***

One 3 hour examination next summer. You will be required to answer a total of three questions: 1 from Section A, 1 from Section B, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> from either section. The pass mark is 40%.