
Course Prefix/Number: PSC 220
Course Title: Introduction to International Relations
Lec Hours/Week: 3.0
Lab Hours/ Week: 0.0
Credit Hours/Semester: 3.0

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces the major focus and factors influencing world affairs, with emphasis on the role of the United States in the global community and the impact of growing interdependence on daily living.

COURSE COMPETENCIES

Module One

1. Discuss the meaning of power and international systems in transformation.
2. Explain America's changing national interests.
3. Explain the United States and Viet Nam in wartime.
4. Explain the role of the United States in the world.
5. Discuss the history of Russia to the Soviet Union.
6. Discuss the key events from the Soviet Union back to Russia.

Module Two

1. Discuss South Africa and the end of colonialism.
2. Explain the eternal warfare in the Holy Land.
3. Discuss oil and turmoil: The Persian Gulf.
4. Discuss the troubled Americas: Our neglected South.
5. Discuss economic development between the rich and poor nations.

Module Three

1. Explain the theories of war.
2. Explain how states protect themselves.
3. Discuss the dangers of Nuclear Proliferation.
4. Discuss the challenge of terrorism.

Module Four

1. Discuss the European break from America.
2. Discuss China becoming a major economic giant.
3. Discuss the United States and globalization.

MINIMAL STANDARDS

A minimal of 60 percent accuracy on evaluative measures will be required for the student to receive credit for this course. A minimum of 70 percent accuracy on evaluative measures will be required before the course will attain transferability. Percentage of accuracy will be determined by oral/written evaluation methods (see evaluative procedures).

EVALUATION STRATEGIES/GRADING

All competencies will be evaluated with a minimum of four tests. Certain competencies, at the instructor's discretion, may be evaluated further through homework and other appropriate measures of competency. No comprehensive examination will be required for this course.

For this course, grading will be determined in the following manner:

Module One	25%
Module Two	25%
Module Three	25%
Module Four	25%

Grading Scale

A	90 - 100
B	80 - 89
C	70 - 79
D	60 - 69
F	Below 60

EXPECTATIONS

1. Utilize critical thinking techniques to complete class assignments.
2. Use proper spelling and grammar to compose written assignments on various political topics.
3. Follow oral and/or written instructions in completing all assignments.
4. Complete and submit all assignments in the specified time period.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance Policy

Students are responsible for attending all scheduled meetings in the courses in which they are enrolled until they have completed all course requirements. Students are responsible for all material covered and for all assignments made in all classes. Students who are absent from a class more than 10 percent of the hours assigned may be withdrawn.

Withdrawal from a Course

A student may withdraw from the course after the add/drop period until midterm with a grade of "W." To withdraw after midterm and receive a grade of "W," the student must personally see the instructor for approval. All other students will receive a grade of "WF."

Student Conduct

Students are requested to conform to all conduct codes specified in the York Technical College Handbook and Catalog.

ENTRY-LEVEL SKILLS: None

PREREQUISITE: ENG 100 or equivalent

CO-REQUISITE: None

Disabilities Statement: Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the Special Resources Offices (SR) at 803-327-8007 in the 300 area of Student Services. The SRO coordinates reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities.