



STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

2023-2024

COURSE TITLE

Introduction to International Relations

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

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COURSE TYPE

Introductory Course

MAJOR(S)

Not applicable

ECTS CREDITS

no ECTS

TEACHING HOURS

TBC

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

not applicable

LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVE

- Students will learn about the evolution and key tenets of crucial concepts and major theories in International Relations and, to some extent, European Foreign Policy Analysis.
- They will understand the explanatory merits of these concepts and theories.
- They will be introduced to some of the limitations these conceptual and theoretical approaches entail when applying them as analytical tools in seeking to examine phenomena in global politics and international affairs and EU foreign policy, respectively.
- In its broader scope, this course equips students with a first 'analytical toolbox' which will help them in choosing the conceptual and/or theoretical framework for their MA theses.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students acquire an understanding of International Relations as an academic discipline, including relevant IR theories, methodologies and techniques from related sub-disciplines.
- Students will improve their knowledge with regard to analyzing (EU) foreign policy, helping them to study the EU's role in the world and the EU's neighbourhood in an interdisciplinary, cross-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary fashion at an advanced level.
- Students obtain advanced knowledge of analytical tools to critically examine the merits and limitations of conceptual and theoretical approaches related to the study of the European Neighbourhood Policy and local domestic and regional developments in the EU's neighbourhood.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

None

TEACHING METHOD(S)

As this is an online course, this course features online lectures.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

Not applicable

COURSE CONTENTS

- Introduction to International Relations as an academic discipline
- Introduction to Foreign Policy Analysis (FPA) & current trends in foreign policy (analysis)
- Introduction to classical and neoclassical realism & liberalism, (social) constructivism, liberal intergovernmentalism, and Europeanization
- Introduction to role concepts in the study of EU foreign policy

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Recommended readings which are referred to in both lectures and the course outline.