



Undergraduate Program

Mahidol University International College

Course Title Perspectives on International Relations

Course Code ICIR 204

Division Social Science

TQF 3 Course Specifications

Section 1 General Information

1. Course code and course title

Thai ICIR ๒๐๔ มุมมองเกี่ยวกับความสัมพันธ์ระหว่างประเทศ

English ICIR 204 Perspectives on International Relations

2. Number of credits 4 (4-0-8)

3. Program and type of subject

3.1 Program Undergraduate Degree (International Program)

3.2 Type of Subject Major requirement

4. Course Coordinator and Course Lecturer

4.1 Course Coordinator William J. Jones

4.2 Course Lecturer Dr. Hardina Ohlendorf

5. Trimester/ Year of Study

5.1 Trimester As stipulated in annual Social Science Division course schedule.

5.2 Course Capacity Approximately 40 students

6. Pre-requisite N/A

7. Co-requisites N/A

8. Venue of Study MUIC

9. Date of Latest Revision

Date 21 August 2020



Section 2 Goals and Objectives

1. Course Goals

Students will be able to understand the basis, assumptions and predictive value of major International Relations theories. Students will be able to evaluate, apply and analyze contemporary international relations issues using major international relations theories.

2. Objectives of Course Development/Revision

2.1 Course Objectives

To introduce students to various international relations theories including Realism, Neorealism, Liberalism, Marxism, Post Structuralism and Feminism.

2.2 Course-level Learning Outcomes: CLOs

By the end of the course, students will be able to (CLOs)

1. CLO1 To understand the basis, assumptions, predictions of major international relations theories
2. CLO2 To apply major international relations theories to contemporary issues
3. CLO3 To evaluate and analyze contemporary international relations issues using major international relations theories



Section 3 Course Management

1. Course Description

(Thai) ทฤษฎีความสัมพันธ์ระหว่างประเทศ อธิปไตย โลกาภิวัตน์และการเปลี่ยนแปลง ความมั่นคง สัจนิยม

อนาธิปไตย เสรีนิยม สถาบันนิยมแบบเสรีนิยมใหม่ มาร์กซ์ แนวคิดคอนสตรัคติวิซึม (constructivism)

ยุคหลังโครงสร้างนิยม นักเรียนจะระบุ เปรียบเทียบและประเมินแนวทางที่สำคัญต่อความสัมพันธ์ระหว่างประเทศ

(English) Theories of international relations; sovereignty; globalization and change; security; realism;

anarchism; liberalism; neoliberal institutionalism; Marxism; constructivism; post-structuralism. Students

will identify; compare; evaluate critical approaches to international relations.

2. Credit hours per trimester

| Lecture (Hour(s)) | Laboratory/field trip/internship (Hour(s)) | Self-study (Hour(s)) |
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| 48 | 0 | 96 |

3. Number of hours that the lecturer provides individual counseling and guidance.

- 4 hours/week
- Students could make requests for appointments whenever necessary.



Section 4 Development of Students' Learning Outcome

1. Short summary on the knowledge or skills that the course intends to develop in students (CLOs)

By the end of the course, students will be able to

1. CLO1 To understand the basis, assumptions, predictions of major international relations theories
2. CLO2 To apply major international relations theories to contemporary issues
3. CLO3 To evaluate and analyze contemporary international relations issues using major international relations theories

2. Teaching methods for developing the knowledge or skills specified in item 1 and evaluation methods of the course learning outcomes

| Course Code | Teaching methods | Evaluation Methods |
|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| CLO1 | Lectures, Class discussions | Quiz, Case Study, Presentation, Essay |
| CLO2 | Lectures, Class discussions | Quiz, Case Study, Presentation, Essay |
| CLO3 | Lectures, Class discussions | Case Study, Presentation, Essay |



Section 5 Teaching and Evaluation Plans

1. Teaching plan

| Class | Topic/Details | Number of hours | Online session | Instructor | Notes/Meeting Platform |
|-------|--|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1 | Introduction/ Tuesday, 8 September 14.00-15.50 | 2 | X | Dr. Hardina Ohlendorf | Zoom Meeting ID: 879 4406 6009 Passcode: Gdq3uh |
| 2 | Perspectives, levels of analysis, and causal arrows/ Thursday, 10 September 14.00-15.50 | 2 | X | s.a. | Zoom |
| 3 | Realist Perspectives on Today's World 1: Prisoner's Dilemma, Anarchy / Tuesday 14.00- 15.50 | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 4 | Realist perspectives: state actors and | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |



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| | sovereignty | | | | |
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| 5 | Realist Perspectives on Today's World II: Balance of power | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 6 | Realist Perspectives II: polarity and alliances, war | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 7 | Liberal Perspectives on Today's World I: Interdependence and collective security | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 8 | Liberal Perspectives on Today's World I: NGOs, Diplomacy and Cooperation | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 9 | Liberal Perspectives on Today's World II: Collectives Goods, | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |



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| | international institutions | | | | |
|-----|---|---|---|------|------|
| 10 | Liberal Perspectives II: International Law | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 11 | Constructivist Perspectives I: Ideas and Identities | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 12 | Constructivist Perspectives II: Democracy, Religion, Nationalism and Human Rights | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 13. | Critical Perspectives I: Postcolonialism | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 14 | Critical Perspectives II: Post-structuralism and Feminism | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 15 | Case Study Presentations 1 | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 16 | Case Study | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |



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| | Presentations 2 | | | | |
|----|--|---|---|------|------|
| 17 | Realist and Liberal Perspectives on Globalization I | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 18 | Realist and Liberal Perspectives on Globalization II | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 19 | Constructivist Perspectives on Globalization I: Development | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 20 | Constructivist Perspectives on Globalization II: Environment | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 21 | Critical Perspectives on Globalization I: Inequality | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 22 | Critical Perspectives II: Imperialism and Injustice | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 23 | Review | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |
| 24 | Concluding | 2 | X | s.a. | s.a. |



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| | discussion | | | | |
| | Total | 48 | | | |

2. Plan for Assessing Course Learning Outcomes

2.1 Assessing and Evaluating Learning Achievement

a. Formative Assessment

Classroom participation 10%

Student activities 10%

Quizzes 15%

Group presentation 40%

Essay 35%

b. Summative Assessment

(1) Tools and Percentage Weight in Assessment and Evaluation

| Learning Outcomes | Assessment Methods | Assessment Ratio (Percentage) | |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------|
| | | | |
| CLO1 To understand the basis, assumptions, predictions of major international relations theories | Quiz | 5 | 39.99 |
| | Case Study | 10 | |
| | Presentation | 6.66 | |
| | Short Essay | 15 | |
| | Long Essay | 13.33 | |
| CLO2 To apply major international relations theories to contemporary issues | Quiz | 5 | 39.99 |
| | Case Study | 10 | |
| | Presentation | 6.66 | |



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|---|--------------|-------|-------|
| | Short Essay | 15 | |
| | Long Essay | 13.33 | |
| CLO3 To evaluate and analyze contemporary international relations issues using major international relations theories | Presentation | 6.66 | 19.99 |
| | Long Essay | 13.33 | |
| Total | | 100 | 100 |

(2) Grading System

| Grade | Achievement | Final score (% range) |
|-------|-------------|-----------------------|
| A | Excellent | 90-100 |
| B+ | Very Good | 85-89 |
| B | Good | 80-84 |
| C+ | Fairly Good | 75-79 |
| C | Fair | 70-74 |
| D+ | Poor | 65-69 |
| D | Very Poor | 60-64 |
| F | Fail | Less than 60 |

(3) Re-examination (If course lecturer allows to have re-examination)

N/A - (Not applicable with MUIC)

3. Student Appeals

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Section 6 Teaching Materials and Resources

1. Textbooks and/or other documents/materials

1. Baylis, John, Steve Smith and Patricia Owens (eds.), *The Globalization of World Politics*. 5th edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.
2. Carlsnaes, Walter Thomas Risse and Beth Simmons (eds.). *Handbook of International Relations*. London: Sage, 2004.
3. Griffiths, Martin (ed.). *International Relations Theory for the Twenty-First Century An introduction*. Routledge: New York, 2007.
4. Jackson, Robert and Georg Sørensen. *Introduction to International Relations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.
5. Hollis, Martin and Steve Smith. *Explaining and Understanding International Relations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1990.
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2. Recommended textbooks and/or other documents/materials

3. Other Resources (If any)

1. Andreas. 'Sovereignty, International Relations, and the Westphalian Myth,' *International Organization* 55.2 (2001): 252-87.
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 17. Dunne, Tim, Lene Hansen, and Colin Wight. "The end of International Relations theory?" *European Journal of International Relations* 19(3) (2013): 405-425.
 18. Finnemore, Martha and Kathryn Sikkink, 'International Norm Dynamics and Political Change', *International Organization* 52.4 (1998): 887-917.
 19. Gill, Stephen 'Globalisation, Market Civilisation and Disciplinary Neo-liberalism', *Millennium* 24.3 (1995): 399-423.
 20. Guzzini, Stefano, 'A Reconstruction of Constructivism in International Relations', *European Journal of International Relations* 6(2000): 147-182.
 21. Hobson, John M. "Is critical theory always for the white West and for Western imperialism? Beyond Westphalian towards a post-racist critical IR." *Review of International Studies* 33(S1) (2007): 91-116.
 22. Hopf, Ted, 'The promise of constructivism in international relations theory', *International Security* 23.1(1998): 171-200.



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23. Ikenberry, G. John, 'Liberal Internationalism 3.0', *Perspectives on Politics* 7.1 (2009): 71-87.
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 26. Keohane, Robert, ed., *Neorealism and Its Critics*, NY: Columbia University Press, 1986.
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Section 7 Evaluation and Improvement of Course Management

1. Strategies for evaluating course effectiveness by students
Written examinations and group presentation
2. Strategies for evaluating teaching methods
Student feedback, course evaluation, peer evaluation
3. Improvement of teaching methods
Student feedback, course evaluation, peer evaluation
4. Verification process for evaluating students' standard achievement outcomes in the course
Written examinations and group presentation
5. Review and plan for improving the effectiveness of the course
Student feedback, course evaluation, peer evaluation



Appendix

Alignment between Courses and Program

Table 1 The relationship between course and Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

| Perspectives on International Relations | Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | PLO1 | PLO2 | PLO3 | PLO4 | PLO5 | PLO6 | PLO7 |
| ICIR 204 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |

Note: Indicate the level of CLOs by letter I, R, P or M. Using the information as shown in the Curriculum Mapping of TQF2

Table 2 The relationship between CLOs and PLOs

| ICIR 204 | Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | PLO1 | PLO2 | PLO3 | PLO4 | PLO5 | PLO6 | PLO7 |
| CLO1 To understand the basis, assumptions, predictions of major international relations theories | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |



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| CLO2 To apply major international relations theories to contemporary issues | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| CLO3 To evaluate and analyze contemporary international relations issues using major international relations theories | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |

Table 3 The description of PLOs and Sub Los of the course

| PLOs | Sub PLOs |
|--|---|
| PLO1 Graduates will be able to describe and explain key features of and issues concerning the current world order, with particular attention to the Asia-Pacific region, using appropriate terminology | 1.1 demonstrate an understanding of the principles upon International Relations and the Asia-Pacific region are built |
| | 1.2 identify the national & global challenges associated with current economic, political, and social systems |



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| | 2.2 collect, analyse, synthesize data, & evaluate information and ideas from multiple sources relevant to issues/problems |
| PLO2 Graduates will be able to discuss and apply major theories, approaches and methodologies in the field of international relations and global affairs in order to analyze the current world order and how it has evolved over time | 1.1 demonstrate an understanding of the principles upon International Relations and the Asia-Pacific region are built |
| | 2.1 identify concepts related to the context of learned issues/topics |
| | 3.1 connect, synthesize and/or transform ideas or solutions within a particular framework |
| PLO3 Graduates will be proficient readers who are able to locate, evaluate, analyze and synthesize different forms of data and source materials relevant to international relations and global affairs | 2.2 collect, analyse, synthesize data, & evaluate information and ideas from multiple sources relevant to issues/problems |
| | 3.2 integrate alternative, divergent, or contradictory perspectives or ideas in the solution of a problem or question |
| | 4.1 collect, analyse, synthesize data, & evaluate information and ideas from multiple sources relevant to issues/problem |
| PLO4 Graduates will be able to develop and present arguments about and solutions to issues in international relations and global | 4.1 collect, analyse, synthesize data, & evaluate information and ideas from multiple sources relevant to issues/problem |



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| <p>affairs using written, oral and/or visual forms; in doing so they will consider different perspectives, show respect for evidence, and engage in constructive debate</p> | <p>4.2 communicate/present ideas effectively both oral & written forms, proper to a range of audience groups, such as verbal discussion with peers, project report</p> |
| | <p>4.3 prepare a purposeful oral presentation designed to increase knowledge, to foster understanding, or to promote change in the listeners' attitudes, values, beliefs, or behaviors</p> |
| <p>PLO5 Graduates will demonstrate knowledge of and respect for cultural differences, particularly in the Thai context, and be able to work in culturally diverse groups effectively</p> | <p>5.1 identify the national & global challenges associated with current economic, political, and social systems</p> |
| | <p>5.2 exhibit characteristics of responsible citizenship</p> |
| | <p>5.3 work effectively in diverse team (and multi-cultural settings)</p> |
| <p>PLO7 Graduates will demonstrate knowledge of internationally recognized ethical standards and apply principles of ethical reasoning to decision-making, civic engagement, and research, consistently crediting the work of others</p> | <p>7.1 identify ethical issues and recognize different viewpoint and ideologies</p> |
| | <p>7.2 guide & lead others</p> |
| | <p>7.3 apply principle of ethical leadership, collaborative engagement, and respect diversity</p> |