

Faculty of Economics and Political Science

International Contemporary Issues

Information :

Course Code : PSC 403

Level : Undergraduate

Course Hours : 3.00- Hours

Department : Department of Political Science

Area Of Study :

This course presents the great challenges in the modern world. It treats the relationship between religions, society, citizenship and democracy. It also explores the impact of identity and culture on shaping international relations. It is based on case studies such as revolutions in the Arab World and its impact on international relations, Islamic movements and foreign policy, globalization and terrorism.

Course Goals:

☐ Utilize analytical tools for political and strategic analysis.

☐ Evaluate the objectivity of news sources and extract the needed information.

☐ Analyze critically topics that have an impact on the international system.

☐ Apply different theoretical knowledge gained from previous courses on specific case studies.

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Course outcomes :

a. Knowledge and Understanding: :

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| 1 - | Recognize selected key developments taking place on the international level. |
| 2 - | Identify the roles played by different political actors. |

b. Intellectual Skills: :

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| 1 - | Analysis information and understand them in their context. |
| 2 - | Examine the impact of identity and culture on international political events. |

c. Professional and Practical Skills: :

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| 1 - | Produce a scholarly paper with associated references that debates theory and current issues. |
| 2 - | Develop and implement research paper that applies the class content in a way that is personally meaningful. |

d. General and Transferable Skills: :

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| 1 - | Develop critical and analytical thinking skills. |
| 2 - | Develop self-motivation and independent learning. |

Course Topic And Contents :

Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	Tutorial / Practical
Introduction	3	1	
How to read news	9	3	
Islamic politics and the rise of Islamic movements to power	6	2	
Midterm Exam		1	
The path for development in the Arab World	12	4	
Nuclear proliferation	9	3	
Final Exam		1	

Teaching And Learning Methodologies :

Data show and computer in lectures

Group discussion

Research Paper

Course Assessment :

Methods of assessment	Relative weight %	Week No	Assess What
Class work (assignments, quizzes, research papers, class attendance, class participation)	30.00		To assess understanding, and to assess theoretical background of the intellectual and practical skills.
Final Exam	40.00	15	To assess knowledge and intellectual skills
Midterm Exam (s)	30.00	7	To assess professional skills.

Periodicals :

Henry Kissinger, Nuclear Proliferation, Survival, Vol. 18, Issue 3, 1976 (130).

Howard J Wiarda, Arab Fall or Arab Winter? American Foreign Policy Interests, Vol. 34, Issue 3, 2012 (134).

Randall Kuhn, On the Role of Human development in the Arab Spring, Population and Development Review, Vol. 38, Issue 4, 2012 (649-683).