LSPR Communication & Business Institute

Subject Syllabus

Subject Code **:** COMM07

Subject Title **:** International Relations Studies

Subject Specification **:** For students in International Relations Communication

Subject Overview **:**

This course is designed to introduces students to international relations. Complexity of interactions among states and also non-state actors is necessitating to learn about, particularly that they are closely connected to our global life. There are cooperation and conflicts between actors and we will examine those two possibilities by not leaving out diplomacy and negotiation as focus of the study.

Course Objectives **:**

At the completion of this course, students are expected to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the processes of global integration and fragmentation in international relations.
2. Identify the continuity and change in the history international relations system.
3. Demonstrate an appreciation of the ideas and thought in international relations.
4. Explain the different roles of states, international organizations, and non-state actors at the global interactions.
5. Show an awareness of the current global issues and challenges as well as opportunities at the global level.

Course Method **:**

The course consists of lectures, presentations, assignments and paper submissions. It is expected that every student will regularly attend classes and participate in class discussion. Real world and fictitious case studies provided by the lecturer will be discussed. A Study Guide & additional books accompanies the Subject; additional readings will be assigned to the students on a per session basis.

Learning Outcome (Competence) **:**

- Knowledge : Basic understanding on the concept, the theories, the practices, and the policies regarding international relations
- Skill : Broad Communication Capabilities, Creative Thinking, An Analytical Mind, Tech Fluency, Teamwork, Writing Compelling Ideas, Leadership Abilities
- Attitude : Enthusiasm, commitment, and innovative

Course content :

Week	Topic
1	Introduction to the Course
2	Why We Study International Relations?
3	Actors and Level of Analysis in International Relations
4	Historical Development of IR Studies
5	The Root of International Relations Thinking
6	Theories of International Relations I: Realism
7	Theories of International Relations II: Liberalism
Mid Examination (8)	
9	Foreign Policy and National Interest
10	Diplomacy as the Conduct of International Relations
11	Negotiations and Peaceful Settlement of Dispute
12	International Organizations
13	International Law and Agreement
14	Contemporary Issues in International Relations
15	Critical Review
Final Examination (16)	

Grading System & Course Evaluation :

As a general rule, students are evaluated based on the following criteria:

Final Examinations	35%
Mid-term Examinations	25%
Coursework & Assignments	30%
Attendance	10%
TOTAL	100%

Lecturers, however, have the option of requiring midterm and final papers in lieu of midterm and final examinations. They may likewise change the percentage (weight) for each of the abovementioned items. The acceptable grade for LSPR-Jakarta S1 programme is **50 and above.**

In the Letter Grade System, the quantitative grades mean:

Grade	Symbol	Conversion Value
90 – 100	A	4.0
85 – 89.99	A-	3.7
80 – 84.99	B+	3.3
75 – 79.99	B	3.0
70 – 74.99	B-	2.7
65 – 69.99	C+	2.3
60 – 64.99	C	2.0
50 – 59.99	C-	1.7
40 – 49.99	D	1.0
< 40	E	0

The student Grade Point Average (GPA) is organized into the following categories: GPA of
0.00 – 1.99 = Fail
2.00 – 2.49 = Pass

2.50 – 2.99 = Credit
3.00 – 3.49 = Merit
3.50 – 4.00 = Distinction

Scheme of Work :

Session	Title/Topic	Area Discussion	Activities
I	Introduction to the Study of International Relations	- Overview of the course (Scope and Objectives of the Study, Class Contract: Rules and Grading system, References)	Online lecturing/Quiz/Short Essay
II	Why We Study International Relations	- What is International Relations Study? - Why We Should Study IR? - Definition by scholars - How The World Works? - Interdisciplinary approach and Issues in IR	Online lecturing/Quiz/Short Essay
III	Actors and Level of Analysis in International Relations	- International actors: State Actors, Non-State Actors Individuals) - Level of Analysis in International Relations	Online lecturing/Quiz/Short Essay
IV	Historical Development of International Relations Studies	- The origin of International Relations as Studies: The root - The origin of modern international relations: the birth of Nations State, and International Order - The dynamic of IR system: World War I and II, Cold War, The Post-Cold War,	Online lecturing/Quiz/Short Essay

			Globalization, A Multipolar Global Order?	
V	The Root of International Relations Thinking	-	The Tradition in IR Thinking: Realist, Rationalist, and Revolutionist - Highlighting Traditional Thinkers in Philosophy, Politics, History etc. - Introducing tradition thinkers in Realist, Liberal, and Marxism	Online lecturing/Quiz/Short Essay
VI	Theories of International Relations I: Realism	-	Realism – State as unitary actor, fundamental belief in power politics, balance of power, security dilemma; and conflict is inherent in human behavior. - The division within Realism and Its thinkers	Online lecturing/Quiz/Short Essay
VII	Theories of International Relations II: Liberalism	-	Liberalism – plural actors; fundamental believe in democracy, interdependence, and global institutions; peace is possible through cooperation. - Division within Liberalism and Its thinkers	Online lecturing/Quiz/Short Essay
VIII			**Mid Test**	
IX	Foreign Policy and National Interest	-	Determinant factors of national interest - Foreign Policy Making Perspectives: Rational Actor Model, Bureaucratic Model, and Elite Model - Example of Foreign Policy Model	Online lecturing/Quiz/Short Essay
X	Diplomacy as the Conduct of International Relations -	-	Definition by Scholars - The Evolution of Diplomatic - The New Diplomacy: Openness, Collective	Online lecturing/Quiz/Short Essay / Practices and Standards

			Security, and Self Determinations - The Role of Diplomat - Public Diplomacy	
XI	Negotiations and Peaceful Settlement of Dispute	-	Legal basis for international dispute settlement - Negotiation as diplomatic functions - Definitions - 5 Steps of Negotiations - International Treaty Making Process - Principled Negotiation	Online lecturing/Quiz/Short Essay
XII	International Organization	-	Definitions of International Organizations (IO) - The role of IO - The Growing Importance of IO - UN System - Regional Organizations	Online lecturing/Quiz/Short Essay
XIII	International Law and Agreements	-	What is International Law? - Law in International Politics - Sources of International Law - International Conference and Summit	Online lecturing/Quiz/Short Essay
XIV	Contemporary Issues in International Relations	-	Traditional Security Issues – related to state security: military conflict, arm race, border and territorial dispute, invasion, war etc. - Non-Traditional Issue- related to human security: pandemic, global warming, global migration, terrorism, cyber security, energy scarcity, economic crisis etc.	Online lecturing/Quiz/Short Essay
XV	Critical Review	-	Concluding the whole session - Encouraging student to explore more about the new	Online lecturing/Quiz/Short Essay

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XVI	**Final Test**	

Individual Presentation/Group Presentation/Class Participation Guideline:
Group presentations/class participations will become the main focus of the sessions. It is expected that the students will be using Power Point system during their presentation. Group presentations/class participations are the most effective in sharpening your ability in understanding the materials being discussed. The assigned chapters are intended to give you practice in assembling materials, data, analysis to support an understanding of subject in the real world. Furthermore, this method will provide a vehicle by which to apply the theories, concepts, and analytical devices. Finally, the discussion forum provides an opportunity to argue your position and to learn from others by listening to their comments and criticisms.

We recommend that you read your materials more than once. As part of your preparation for class, it is expected that you analyze the materials in your group. In class, we will examine completely all aspects of the situation: facts, assumptions, alternatives, and recommendations.

Midterm Paper Guideline **:** Written Examination

Final Paper Guideline **:** Written Examination

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