

Subject	THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS			
	Type	Semester	ECTS	Code
	(M)	V	5	
Course lecturer Course assistant Course tutor				
Aims and objectives	<p>The aim of this course is to provide students with knowledge on theoretical concepts which seek to give scientific explanation to international relations. In addition, this course offers students' knowledge on traditional paradigms in the field of IR, as well as on current debates in this field. Students also will be familiar with the nature of construction theoretical paradigms in the field of IR and their use in order to understand events and phenomena which are treated in this study field. Furthermore, this course purpose to enable students to evaluate contributions and disadvantages of major events in IR.</p>			
Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this course, students should to be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss, rise questions and present oral and written arguments on the existing theoretical perspectives of international relations. - Summaries and evaluate international events according to theoretical perspectives - Role- play actors in international politics and formulate/ construct policies in specific circumstances in world affairs. - Identify and compare main theoretical approaches and their premises. - Analyze the most important sources/materials and authors in IR theory. 			
Course content	Course plan			Week
				Week I
	History of International Relations			
	Basic concepts of International Relations (politics, international politics, collective security, globalization, interdependence, state, nation, nationalism, power, war, conflict, terrorism)			Week II
	Development of the IR system			Week III
	Actors in IR			Week IV
	Basic theories of IR (realism, liberalism, constructivism, Marxism)			Week V
	Power and Security in IR			Week VI
	Conflicts in IR, conflict management			Week VII
Weapons of mass destruction. Nuclear stability/ instability			Week VIII	
Contemporary debates in IR (positivism, neorealism, neoliberalism, environmentalism, feminism)			Week IX	

	International Political Economy			Week X
	Great power's politics in XXI century. Return of geopolitics			Week XI
	Kosovo Republic in IR, 2008-2019			Week XII
	Course Summary: Reflection, Review,			Week XIV
	Final exam			Week XV
	Teaching/Learning activity			Weight (%)
Teaching/Learning methods	<p>Teaching methods used for this course include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures in classroom • Encouraging learning by- doing and revisions based on feedback from lecturer • In-class group discussion • Assignments (essays and case studies) 			
	Assessment activity	Number	Week	Weight (%)
Assessment Methods	<p>The final assessment will be based on: Participation and being active in lectures Assignments (essays, case-studies) The final test: theory and final essay Number, type and method of evaluation:</p>			
	Active participation in lectures			10%
	Home Assignments (essays, case-studies, in a written form)			30%
	The final test: theory and final essay			60%
	<p>To receive a passing grade, every student must have comprehensive knowledge of the content of the subject and to submit regular duties. Participation in class discussions, assignments, and especially the ability to analyze and criticize the studied material, and build a personal argument relied on, are the criteria for the highest rating.</p>			
	Resources			Number
Course sources	<p>Equipment to be used include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer • White board • Markers • Moodle 			

	Activity	Weekly hrs	Total
ECTS workload	Lectures	2	30
	Contacts with lecturer	0.5	6
	Self-study	2	64
	Preparation for the case study		10
	Preparation for final exam		15
Literature/References	Strongly recommended:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scott Burchill, Andrew Linklater (ed), Teori të Marrëdhënieve Ndërkombëtare (Tiranë: AIIIS 2010). - Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki, Steve Smith. Teori të Marrëdhënieve Ndërkombëtare: disiplina dhe shumëllojshmëria. (Tiranë: UET Press, 2010). - Scott Burchill (ed), Theories of International Relations (New York: Palgrave, 2005). Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki, Steve Smith. International Relations Theories (Oxford University Press, USA, 2013). 		
	Other recommended books:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John J. Mearshimer, " The tragedy of great power politics", London 2001 - Robert O.Keohane& Joseph Nye, "Power and interdependence, 3rd. ed., New York, Longman, 2001 - Carl Miller, "The death of the gods: The new global power grab", London, 2018 - Nye Joseph S.(Jr), Welch David A., " Konflikti dhe bashkëpunimi në marrëdhëniet ndërkombëtare", Tiranë, 2014. 		
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