

	THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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Subject	Type (M)	Semester 1	ECTS 5	Code
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Course lecturer	
Course assistant	
Course tutor	

Aims and objectives	<p>This course aims to provide students with knowledge of theoretical concepts that seek to explain international relations scientifically. In addition, this course offers students an understanding of traditional paradigms in the field of IR and current debates in this field. Students will also be familiar with the nature of construction theoretical paradigms in the field of IR and their use to understand events and phenomena that are treated in this field of study. Furthermore, this course aims to enable students to evaluate the contributions and disadvantages of significant events in IR.</p>
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Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this course, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss, raise questions and present oral and written arguments on the existing theoretical perspectives of international relations. - Summarise and evaluate international events according to theoretical perspectives - Role- 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 essential sources/materials and authors in IR theory.
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	Course plan	Week
		Week I
Course content	History of International Relations	Week II
	Basic concepts of International Relations (politics, international politics, collective security, globalisation, interdependence, state, nation, nationalism, power, war, conflict, terrorism)	Week III
	Development of the IR system	Week IV
	Actors in IR	Week V
	Fundamental theories of IR (realism, liberalism, constructivism, Marxism)	Week VI
	Power and Security in IR	Week VII
	Conflicts in IR, conflict management	Week VIII
	Weapons of mass destruction. Nuclear stability/ instability	Week IX
	Contemporary debates in IR (positivism, neorealism, neoliberalism, environmentalism, feminism)	Week X

	International Political Economy	Week X
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	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	Teaching methods used for this course include:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures in classroom • Encouraging learning by doing and revisions based on feedback from the lecturer • In-class group discussion • Assignments (essays and case studies) 			
Assessment Methods	Assessment activity	Number	Week	Weight (%)
	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:			
	Active participation in lectures			10%
	Home Assignments (essays, case-studies, in a written form)			30%
	The final test: theory and final essay			60%
	To receive a passing grade, every student must have comprehensive knowledge of the subject's content and submit regular duties. Participation in class discussions and assignments, and especially the ability to analyse and criticise the studied material and build a personal argument relied on, are the criteria for the highest rating.			
Course sources	Resources			Number
	Equipment to be used include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer • Whiteboard • 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 the 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). 		
Contact	Other recommended books:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John J. Mearsheimer, " 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. 		