

Syllabus Politics and International Relations

Fall 2018

4th Cycle

Instructor

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I. General Information

Course :Politics and International RelationsCode:03128RequiredProcesos Económicos del Perú yTerm : Fall 2018

courses: América Latina

Credits: 3 Year: 4th

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II. Summary

This course presents students with the most salient issues in Global Politics. It offers an overview of the International Relations system and basic configuration of the Middle East and Asia. It portrays the elements of economic growth in Latin America: poverty, population and potential. It takes students through poverty relief policies and ethnic conflicts in Africa, and explores regional approaches to the external relations of the European Union and the challenges to its internal configuration.

III. Course Objectives

The course will introduce students to the main concepts, theories and trends in global politics. Students will work with others in order to understand the challenges and opportunities that current international events pose to individuals, states and transnational actors. Students will also be able to discuss in written and oral form their interpretation and analysis of the international context using the academic language of Politics and International Relations.

IV. Learning Outcomes

- Identify the different types of actors in the international system and classify them according to their characteristics, potential and behavior.
- Understand and explain the main political, economic and cultural ideas and trends that shape the international stage today.
- Apply previous knowledge of international trade and economic regionalism to examine and interpret current events.
- Demonstrate knowledge of international political geography.
- Describe and analyze in an informed, articulate and respectful matter the main trends in current global politics.
- Follow current international events on a regular basis using trusted, critical sources.
- Summarize his or her learning in written and oral forms using English.
- Display critical thinking by interpreting and questioning the assigned materials and criticizing them in public.
- Display empathy, tolerance and respect for diverse ideas and points of view.
- Work collaboratively in small groups to produce an academic project focused on a political issue in a specific region.

V. Methodology

The class meets once a week for a three-hour session where the instructor will facilitate

- the course contents during the first 85 minutes. Students will work collaboratively for 30 minutes and then participate in a wrap-up discussion for the remainder of the session.
- Students will be required to follow current international events on a daily basis and
 prepare brief weekly presentations where they apply the concepts learned in class to a
 specific international situation. It is a requirement to subscribe to this free newsletter by
 providing your email. You may unsubscribe after the course is complete.
- Students will be regularly quizzed on the assigned readings, current events and geography. The instructor reserves the right to quiz students without prior notice.
- Students will be required to debate and discuss real-life situations with a critical, constructive and respectful attitude. Difference of opinion will be valued and dialogue will be promoted as an important way of solving problems.
- Each student will be assigned to present on the assigned readings on a fixed date.
- Using electronic devices is discouraged during lecture unless I specifically instruct you
 to do so for limited tasks. I also <u>advise you try taking handwritten notes</u> (It's good for
 your brain!). For further arguments, you can read "<u>The case of banning laptops in the
 classroom</u>" and "<u>The Impact of Computer Usage on Academic Performance</u>".
- The final exam will be a written test.

VI. Evaluation

According to school policy, the evaluation system is continuous and integral. The final grade is calculated adding up the permanent evaluation (PEP) (40%); the midterm exam (EP) (30%) and the final exam (EF) (30%). The permanent evaluation is calculated according to the following chart:

PERMANENT EVALUATION (TAREA ACADÉMICA) 40%			
EVALUATION TYPE	DESCRIPTION	PERCENTAGE %	
Quizzes	4 scheduled quizzes. The lowest score is eliminated.	25	
Class activities and assignments	According to schedule	30	
Newsflash	Individual presentation	30	
Self-assesment	See attached rubric	15%	

Final Grade= (0.30 x Partial Exam) + (0.40 x PEP) + (0.30 x Final Exam)

Where:

PF = FINAL AVERAGE
EP = PARTIAL EXAM

PEP = PERMANENT EVALUATION AVERAGE

 $\mathbf{EF} = FINAL EXAM$

VII. Scheduled Contents

WEEK	CONTENTS	ACTIVITIES /ASSESSMENTS	
	Learning unit: Globalization and the post-Cold War World. 3. Apply previous knowledge of international trade and economic regionalism to examine and interpret current		
1°	events.	onalish to examine and interpret current	

August 20 - 25	 7. Summarize his or her learning in written and oral forms using English. 8. Display critical thinking by interpreting and questioning the assigned materials and criticizing them in public. 9. Display empathy, tolerance and respect for diverse ideas and points of view. 			
	 1.1. The world today. International actors in IIRR. Levels of analysis. Description, prediction, prescription. Cold War vs. Globalization. NATO. MAD. Bipolar, unipolar, sovereignty, nation-state; hegemony, sources of power. Causes and effects of globalization. Introducing yourself. Readings in class. Watch this video. Group work. Elect course delegate. Select date for newsflash. 			
	Weekly readings: • When did globalization start? (The Economist) • Winners and losers of globalization (New Republic)			
2° August 27 to September 1st	Learning Unit: The foundations of International Relations Analysis. 1. Identify the different types of actors in the international system and classify them according to their characteristics, potential and behavior. 2. Understand and explain the main political, economic and cultural ideas and trends that shape the international stage today. 6. Follow current international events on a regular basis using trusted, critical sources.			
	 2.1. Introduction to world regions. MMM revolutions. Integration vs. disintegration. Cooperation or conflict?: Realism, neorealism, idealism, neoliberalism, balance of power, national interest, power, influence, hard power, soft power, smart power. Cooperation vs conflict. Diplomacy. Foreign policy. Isolationism vs. unilateralism vs. neutrality vs.engagement. Diplomacy & negotiation. Class discussion Quiz 1 Bring to class a map of the world, your reading notes and colored pencils or markers. Newsflash presentation. 			
	Weekly Readings: Naím, Chapter 4.			
3° September 3rd to 8th	Learning Unit: Basic concepts in Politics. Identify the different types of actors in the international system and classify them according to their characteristics, potential and behavior. Describe and analyze in an informed, articulate and respectful matter the main trends in current global politics. Follow current international events on a regular basis using trusted, critical sources.			
	3.1. Government, politics and the state. Nation-state; government; democracy, dictatorship; monarchies; democratic peace; Golden Arches Theory of Conflict Prevention; Leviathan.			
	Weekly Readings: Perlman. The return of the Leviathan Listen to this podcast.			
4° September 10 to 15	Learning Unit 4: The dimensions and challenges of democracy today. Follow current international events on a regular basis using trusted, critical sources. Display critical thinking by interpreting and questioning the assigned materials and criticizing them in public. Describe and analyze in an informed, articulate and respectful matter the main trends in current			
	global politics. 4.1 Democracy and the state. Procedural democracy vs substantive democracy. Populism. Left; right; division of powers; checks and balances; citizenship; privatization; corruption; institutional paralysis.			
	Weekly Readings: Essay about Democracy at The Economist. All 4 chapters. Populism and Trump. Balancing private and public needs. Listen to this podcast.			
5° September 17 to 22	Learning Unit: Demographic and economic pressures on democracy. Understand and explain the main political, economic and cultural ideas and trends that shape the international stage today. Demonstrate knowledge of international political geography. Summarize his or her learning in written and oral forms using English.			
	5.1. The Americas. Washington consensus; the golden straitjacket. Challenges to democracy in the region. Leftist and right-wing political parties. Broken promises and middle class expectations. NEWSFLASH Class discussion.			
	Weekly Readings: Assigned section on the Latinobarómetro report.			

6° September 24 to 29	Learning Unit: Economic integration, regionalism and the European Union. Demonstrate knowledge of international political geography. Identify the different types of actors in the international system and classify them according to their characteristics, potential and behavior. Apply previous knowledge of international trade and economic regionalism to examine and interpret current events.			
	6.1. International Political Economy and Economic Integration. IGOs, regionalism, ISI, Export-led industrialization, protectionism, trade liberalization, levels of integration, federalism. Multilateralism. Referendum.	 Class discussion. Newsflash presentation. Work in small groups. Quiz 2. 		
	Weekly Readings: McCormick, What is the European Union?			
7° October 01 to 06	Learning Unit: Secularism, democracy, nationalism, migration and multiculturalism. Display empathy, tolerance and respect for diverse ideas and points of view. Summarize learning in written and oral forms using English. Describe and analyze in an informed, articulate and respectful matter the main trends in current globa politics.			
	7.1. Migration and multiculturalism. The challenge of nationalism. Keywords: nation; culture; self-determination; secularism; xenophobia; migration; multiculturalism; transnational identities.	Class discussion.Newsflash presentation.Online debate.		
	Weekly Readings: Behind France's Burka Ban- The New Yorker. Druckversion- Myths of Migration- Spiegel French Views on Religious Freedom - Brookings Institution How French Secularism Became Fundamentalist - Foreign Policy Migration to Europe Explained in Seven Charts - BBC News The Economist Explains: Why the French are so strict about Islamic He	ad Coverings.		
8° October 08th	MID TERM EXAM			
g° October 15 to 20	Learning Unit: The Asian Century. China and the regional configur Demonstrate knowledge of international political geography. Identify the different types of actors in the international syst characteristics, potential and behavior. Apply previous knowledge of international trade and econor current events.	em and classify them according to their		
	9.1. New Power distribution. Hegemony; sphere of influence; diplomacy; militarism; new world order; redefinition of power, neo-imperialism. G-8. Taiwan, Tibet, Hong Kong, South Sea.	Class discussion.Newsflash presentation.		
	Weekly Readings:			
10° October 22 to 27	Learning Unit: Global leadership, hegemony and alliances in conflict-prevention in the 21st Century. The role of IGOs. Summarize his or her learning in written and oral forms using English. Identify the different types of actors in the international system and classify them according to their characteristics, potential and behavior. Display critical thinking by interpreting and questioning the assigned materials and criticizing them in public.			
	10.1.War and Peace and the New World Order. Realism and idealism. Pacifism. Origins of the UN. Reform of the UN. Current challenges in conflict prevention.	Class discussion ONLINE ACTIVITY (See rubric).		
	Weekly Readings: Chapter 9. "The Dictator's Handbook". International Government Organizations: Spiegel.			
11°	 Learning Unit: Approaches to environmental problems. The West at Display empathy, tolerance and respect for diverse ideas and Demonstrate knowledge of international political geography. 			

October 29 to November 03	11.1.Environmentalism; transnational challenges. Keywords: Environmentalism; international community; NGOs; Tokyo Protocol. Activism. Citizenship, netizens. Weekly Readings:	 Class discussion. Newsflash presentation. Four corner debate. Quiz 3 		
	Can Red China Become Green China?			
12° November 5 to 10	China's Environmental Future. Learning Unit: Misconceptions about the Middle East. Display empathy, tolerance and respect for diverse ideas and points of view. Demonstrate knowledge of international political geography. Summarize his or her learning in written and oral forms using English. Display critical thinking by interpreting and questioning the assigned materials and criticizing them in			
	public. 12.1.Theocracy, religion and nationalism. Five pillars of Islam; monotheism; Abraham; proselytizing religions; Islamic. Arab world. Saudi Arabia and Iran. Pan arabism.	 Class discussion. Newsflash presentation Activity with "The Arab of the Future". Video: Saudi Arabia elections 		
	Weekly Readings: Rossi chapters 1 and 3.			
13°	Learning Unit: Continuing conflicts in the Middle East. • Display empathy, tolerance and respect for diverse ideas and poi • Demonstrate knowledge of international political geography.	ints of view.		
November 12 to 17	13.1.Palestine- Israel. Key words: Zionism; stateless nations. Current events in the Middle East.	Class discussion.Newsflash presentationVideo on Palestine-Israel		
	Weekly Readings: Rossi, chapters 14 and 15.			
14° November 19 to 24	Alternatives to development. Millennium goals. Demonstrate knowledge of international political geography. Apply previous knowledge of international trade and economic regionalism to examine and interprecurrent events.			
	14.1.Post colonialism and ethnic conflicts. Intractable conflicts; colonialism; ethnic conflict; failed states. The danger of a single story. Development and international aid. Alternatives to development. White man's burden.	 Class discussion Newsflash. Video on single story and Instagram profiles. Quiz 4. 		
	Weekly Readings: Chapter 7: Foreign Aid from "The Dictator's Handbook". Readings from Moyo and Swanson. Werker and Ahmed (2008).			
15° November 26 to 30	Learning Unit: Students will integrate concepts learned in class to a group project in which role playing oral expression and research skills will be displayed. Display empathy, tolerance and respect for diverse ideas and points of view. Summarize his or her learning in written and oral forms using English. Work collaboratively in small groups to produce an academic project focused on a political issue in a specific region.			
	15.1. Applying concepts in International Relations to a specific situation. Designing scenarios. Reflecting on learning and performance. Listening to others.	Final presentationsSelf-assesment.		
	Weekly Readings: TBA			
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I. Required readings

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II. Instructor

Elda Cantú is a Mexican writer, professor and editor based Perú. She holds a B.A. in International Relations from Tecnológico de Monterrey and a M.A. in Latin American and Caribbean Studies from New York University. From 2008 to 2010 she was director of the Humanities and Social Science Department at Prepa Tec Campus Santa Catarina and professor of Comparative Foreign Policy at the International Relations undergraduate program at Tec de Monterrey. She has written on US-Mexico migration policy and drug-related violence in the US-Mexico border. Ms. Cantú was Global Education Director at the Virtual Trade Mission Foundation, a Washington-based non-profit that brings together students and educators from the Asia Pacific to discuss globalization and free trade. She was the editor in chief of Viù!, at Diario el Comercio from 2014 to 2016. Previously, she was the Managing Editor of Etiqueta Negra, a Peruvian monthly of chronicles and profiles and Editor of Etiqueta Verde, its environmental version. She writes for news outlets such as The New York Times (Spanish edition), Americas Quarterly, The New York Review of Books and Radio Ambulante. She is a columnist at El Comercio. She lives in Lima. You can follow her on Twitter @eldacantu

RUBRIC FOR NEWS FLASH

Every student will make a brief presentation on foreign news once during the semester.

NAME:	ID	DATE:
(This date <u>cannot</u> be reassigned, unless it is vol presented). Students who do not present on the absence will lose 60% of the grade for this assign	e assigned date, regar	
Student shows up on time, is ready to present A	T - 2 points does n	ot comply with ANY of ements2 points if

THE BEGINNING of class and has email professor the presentation the night before.	the three requirements2 points if student takes MORE than 5 mins.			
The student chooses three DIFFERENT international news from trusted sources. News items are no more than four days old on the day of the presentation. (1.5 points)	N1: ♦ N2: ♦ N3:♦			
News are relevant for the readings assigned that week. The student relates the news to class readings and concepts. There are at least three explicit references to the material seen in class. (3 points)	N1: ♦ N2: ♦ N3:♦			
The student shows understanding of the news. He or she correctly answers questions. (1.5 points)	N1: ♦ N2: ♦ N3:♦			
Student uses maps and explains the geopolitics of news. (1.5 points)	N1: ♦ N2: ♦ N3:♦			
Each news is properly DESCRIBED. (1.5 points)	N1: ♦ N2: ♦ N3: ♦			
There is EITHER a prediction or a policy prescription for each one of the news. (3.0 points)	N1: ♦ N2: ♦ N3:♦			
The student speaks in a clear and confident manner with gestures that support the presentation. (0,5) Student uses appropriate, academic English, including names of cities and countries. (1 point)				
Student does not read from notes or slides and adds value to the slides with explanations. (1,5 points)				
Visual aids are creative, extremely good-looking and attention grabbing. (1,5 points)				
The text is brief and well written. (0,5 points) The student has produced original material and text providing additional information.NO COPY PASTE (1				

points)	
Presentation includes sources and references in APA format.	-2 points if student does not comply
The student manages to engage the audience (2 points)	

Rubric for class participation Student ID#_____

	+3	+2,5	+2	+1	+0,5
Attendance & Punctuality	Student attends every class and arrives on time.	Student never misses class (has justification) but arrives late two or three times.	Student misses up to 2 sessions but is very rarely late.	Studen is absent 2 or 3 times times and late 3 times or more.	Student is late more than 4 days and absent 3 time or more.
Class participation	Student makes at least 5 relevant comments during the course. Comments reflect understanding of the texts and quote additional materials. Student is critical of the readings and responds to teacher's questions.	Student participates 5 times or more in class, responding to the assigned materials or to previous comments but not always accurately.	Student participates in class but rarely refers to class materials or does not add value to the discussion.	Student participates only if the professor asks him or her to.	Student has never raised his or her hand in class and, when called to answer a question is unable to respond.
Class engagement and initiative	Student actively listens, takes notes and responds to comments by other students. Student brings additional materials to class.	Student makes questions during classmates' presentations, pays attention and rarely checks his or her phone in class.	Student sometimes leaves the classroom, seems absent or spends most of the time online during lectures.	Student does not take notes, spaces out during lecture and is constantly doing tasks unrelated to the class.	Student shows no visible interest in class.
Class activities	Student has participated in every discussion, quiz, debate or activity in class and collaborated with other students.	Student has participated in every discussion, debate or activity but some of them are deficient or incomplete.	Student has missed one or more activites but has the school's official justification.	Student has missed two activities with no justification or has not completed them correctly.	Student has missed three or more activites or has deficiently completed them.
Self- Assesment	l've read carefully all materials previous to each class, completed on time all tasks and prepared for exams with all my effort. I dedicated 5 hours per week to the class OUTSIDE of the classroom. I completed my final project at least 5 days before presentation and worked on it at least 7 weeks before the deadline.	I have read MOST materials, some of them right before class. I have prepared all tasks but I recognize that I could have been more dedicated in class. I have dedicated almost 5 hours to the class OUTSIDE of classroom. I started working on the final project at least 6 weeks in advance.	I have read the majority of the materials and prepared most of the tasks assigned but I have not dedicated more than 4 hours a week to this class. I have not read all materials and I started working on the final project 1 month before presenting.	I have read around half of all assigned readings and materials and probably dedicated 3 hours or less to the class OUTSIDE the classroom. I barely communicated with my teammate and only finished the presentation the day before.	I only dedicated this class the time of each session (3 hours a week). I definitely could have applied myself more. My grades do not reflect my capabilities
TOTAL					