



POLITICAL SCIENCE
International Studies (LM-52) A.Y. 2021/2022

Didactic Offer

First year

First semester

Denomination	E.A.C.	SSD	CFU	Hours	Type Activity	Language
21810489 - INTERNATIONAL LAW AND DEVELOPMENT	B	IUS/13	9	54	AP	ENG
21810490 - INTERNATIONAL HISTORY OF PEACE	B	M-STO/04	9	54	AP	ENG
21810491 - INTERNATIONAL POLITICS	B	SPS/04	9	54	AP	ENG
21810492 - THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD IN THE 20TH AND 21ST CENTURIES	B	SPS/05	9	54	AP	ENG
Optional Group: ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE COURSES:	B					
Optional Group: TWO OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTIVES:	C					
Optional Group: TWO FREE-CHOICE ELECTIVES:	D					
Optional Group: Seminars A.A. 2021/2022	F					

Second semester

Denomination	E.A.C.	SSD	CFU	Hours	Type Activity	Language
21810511 - INTERNATIONAL MACROECONOMICS	B	SECS-P/01	9	54	AP	ENG
21810512 - THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM AFTER THE END OF THE COLD WAR	B	SPS/06	9	54	AP	ENG
21810513 - THEORY OF HUMAN RIGHTS	B	SPS/01	9	54	AP	ENG
Optional Group: ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE COURSES:	B					
Optional Group: TWO OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTIVES:	C					

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Optional Group: TWO FREE-CHOICE ELECTIVES:	D					
Optional Group: Seminars A.A. 2021/2022	F					
21810528 - SEMINARS, EXTERNAL COURSES AND INTERNSHIPS	F		4	331	AP	ENG
21810526 - FINAL THESIS	E		18	450	AP	ENG

Detail of optional units

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Optional Group: ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE COURSES:

21810494 - FRENCH STUDIES <i>(second semester)</i>	B	L-LIN/04	9	54	AP	FRA
21810495 - HISPANIC STUDIES <i>(second semester)</i>	B	L-LIN/07	9	54	AP	SPA
21810496 - GERMAN STUDIES <i>(second semester)</i>	B	L-LIN/14	9	54	AP	DEU
21810493 - RUSSIAN STUDIES <i>(first semester)</i>	B	L-LIN/21	9	54	AP	RUS

Optional Group: TWO OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTIVES:

21810497 - GENDER AND POLITICAL THEORIES <i>(first semester)</i>	C	SPS/02	6	36	AP	ENG
21810499 - LATIN AMERICA IN THE 20TH CENTURY <i>(first semester)</i>	C	SPS/05	6	36	AP	ENG
21810500 - EVOLVING SECURITY IN THE POST 1945 WORLD <i>(first semester)</i>	C	SPS/06	6	36	AP	ENG
20710666 - EAST ASIAN HISTORY IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD <i>(first semester)</i>	C	SPS/14	6	36	AP	ENG
21810502 - THE ROOTS OF GLOBALIZATION: EUROPEAN EXPANSION AND COLONIALISM <i>(second semester)</i>	C	M-STO/02	6	36	AP	ENG
21810503 - SUSTAINABILITY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TRANSPORT <i>(second semester)</i>	C	SECS-P/06	6	36	AP	ENG
21810498 - INTERNATIONAL FINANCE <i>(second semester)</i>	C	SECS-P/01	6	36	AP	ENG
21810504 - EUROPEAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW <i>(first semester)</i>	C	IUS/08	6	36	AP	ENG
21810506 - DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP FOR EU <i>(second semester)</i>	C	IUS/02	6	36	AP	ENG
21810505 - MULTICULTURAL AMERICAN LITERATURE <i>(second semester)</i>	C	L-LIN/12	6	36	AP	ENG

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Optional Group: TWO FREE-CHOICE ELECTIVES:						
21810507 - ARABIC STUDIES <i>(first semester)</i>	D	L-OR/12	6	36	AP	ARA
21810508 - CHINESE STUDIES <i>(first semester)</i>	D	L-OR/21	6	36	AP	CHI
21810509 - GLOBAL ECONOMY AND LABOUR RIGHTS <i>(second semester)</i>	D	IUS/07	6	36	AP	ENG
21810510 - INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY <i>(first semester)</i>	D	SECS-P/02	6	36	AP	ENG
20710170 - HISTORY AND POLITICS OF MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA <i>(second semester)</i>	D	SPS/13	6	36	AP	ENG
21810533 - REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS IN EUROPE: HISTORY AND THEORIES <i>(second semester)</i>	D	SPS/02	6	36	AP	ENG
21810346 - INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMY <i>(second semester)</i>	D	SECS-P/01	6	36	AP	ITA

Optional Group: Seminars A.A. 2021/2022						
21810571 - SEMINAR - CONTINUITY AND FRACTURE LINES IN CONTEMPORARY CHINA: INSTITUTIONS AND POLITICAL THOUGHT FROM MAO TO XI <i>(first semester)</i>	F		2	12	I	ITA
21810572 - SEMINAR - CONFLICTS, DE-FACTO STATES, AND NATIONAL QUESTIONS IN THE POST-SOVIET SPACE <i>(second semester)</i>	F		2	12	I	ITA
21810573 - SEMINAR - UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION HISTORY <i>(second semester)</i>	F		3	18	I	ITA
21810574 - SEMINAR - GLOBAL CHALLENGES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: THE VIEW FROM THE SOUTH <i>(second semester)</i>	F		3	18	I	ITA

Denomination	E.A.C.	SSD	CFU	Hours	Type Activity	Language
21810570 - SEMINAR - GENDER MAINSTREAMING. FROM BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC: INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL POLICIES FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT <i>(first semester)</i>	F		2	12	I	ITA

Summary

Tip. Att. (Tipo di attestato): **AP** (Attestazione di profitto), **AF** (Attestazione di frequenza), **I** (Idoneità)

E.A.C. (Educational Activities classification): **A** BASIC LEARNING ACTIVITIES **B** CORE LEARNING ACTIVITIES **C** RELATED OR SUPPLEMENTARY LEARNING ACTIVITIES **D** ELECTIVE LEARNING ACTIVITIES **E** FINAL EXAMINATION AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEST **F** OTHER LEARNING ACTIVITIES **R S** TRAINING PERIODS AND INTERNSHIPS AT COMPANIES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BODIES, AND PROFESSIONAL ROLLS (ART.10, PAR. 5, POINT E)

Objectives of the course

THEORY OF HUMAN RIGHTS

In the second half of the twentieth century a broad consensus emerged on framing judgment of governments against a moral code believed to be universal. Not without difficulties, today various attempts have been made to turn human rights into an indispensable point of reference for the evaluation of the moral and juridical legitimacy of the global political order. Beyond the practical problems related to the development and implementation of human rights on both the local and global scale lie a number of unresolved theoretical issues. The course's general purpose is to shed light on these issues and to provide knowledge of the main philosophical debates concerning how the concept of human rights should be understood, how human rights can be justified and the moral relevance of human rights. In particular, the course seeks to secure a solid understanding of the ties between human rights, social justice, the theory of recognition and liberal-democracy. During the course, students will be required to read texts, discuss them and develop personal opinions to exercise their learning, critical and communication skills. Developing an awareness of key human rights issues is important in professions such as education, health, law, social and cooperation and development work, both in the public and private sectors. At the end of the course, students will be able to use the acquired knowledge and understanding in a critical and conscious way by projecting themselves within the aforementioned operational spheres.

SEMINAR - GLOBAL CHALLENGES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: THE VIEW FROM THE SOUTH

As the 21st century progresses it is clear that the world as a whole faces a number of major challenges ahead of it. Attempts to try to deal with these challenges, and the degree of success that comes with these attempts, will almost certainly shape the future of humankind for a long time to come, and perhaps will even determine the most basic, fundamental question of all – do we actually have a future? For most of us, the way we see and interpret these challenges, as well as the solutions that will be put forward, will be determined by the major political powers and socio-economic forces of the developed world, along with the global institutions that they control – the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the World Trade Organisation etc. But will the solutions be the right ones – not just for us but even more particularly for the less developed countries of the world located principally in the southern hemisphere, which are actually going to be the ones most affected by the coming challenges? Will the powerful states and institutions of the 'North' take on board the situation in the 'South'? Will the southern hemisphere countries and their peoples be given a real voice to express themselves? How in fact do these challenges and problems look from their perspective? Do they look different? What if they have alternative solutions to put forward, what might these be? How and from where might these alternative solutions be formulated? Might any alternative solutions also have potential positive consequences for us, if they are allowed to be put forward and adopted? It is these kinds of issues (and others) that will be at the heart of this short course.

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM AFTER THE END OF THE COLD WAR

The recent history of the international system is undoubtedly marked by the end of bi-polarism, which has been regarded as the single most important event in the second half of the 20th century. This "transformational moment", however, is questioned by a number of historiographical approaches emphasizing the importance of long term trends to understand a number of current events. The course will investigate the evolution of international relations since the end of the cold war by comparing these explicative paradigms. On the one hand, it will look at some of the most distinctive features of the post Cold War era, including the crises of the 1990s, the emergence of the United States as a hegemonic power, and the consequences of the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and of the 2003 Iraq war on the American ability to preserve its supremacy. On the other, it will discuss different conceptual and chronological frameworks to present the evolution of the international system from more complex perspectives, by looking at long term phenomena such as the return of China to a great power role or the discontinuity introduced in the international system by the Neo-liberal approach since the 1970s.

FRENCH STUDIES

The course is aimed at students with a level of linguistic competence at least equal to B1 and aims to study authors and texts belonging to the modern and contemporary French and Francophone literary field. In particular, the analysis of significant works in the original language will allow to develop the understanding and critical interpretation of aspects and dynamics concerning the politics, culture and society of France and the Francophone world from the 19th century to the present, also in reference with the technological changes that characterize the modern era. Another objective will be to provide the tools to develop an analysis methodology based on an interdisciplinary approach. Expected learning outcomes: students will deepen their language skills, with reference also to disciplinary lexicons, and will be able to decline their knowledge of French culture, its language and its literature in a multidisciplinary perspective.

HISPANIC STUDIES

The course aims to deepen the study of the Spanish language and culture. The aim is to develop communicative and socio-cultural competence through, fundamentally, the study of the Hispanic political world. The course is divided into two modules: Module I (Specialty Languages) concerns an in-depth study of sectoral languages (political, economic, legal, administrative and journalistic) from a communicative and cultural perspective; Module II (Political language) is focused on the study of political language and the critical analysis of political discourse. In this sense, the aim is to acquire the tools to decode political discourses, at a linguistic, rhetorical and cultural level to understand the meaning of political oratory, also deconstructing its ideological meaning, and of power through the use of the word. Finally, it is intended to develop a critical capacity for autonomous re-elaboration of the languages of politics.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD IN THE 20TH AND 21ST CENTURIES

The 20th century has been labeled as "the American century," while the beginning of the 21st is identified as a time of decline for the United States. Is American governance still functioning within and what weight does the United States carry on a global level? The course provides an analysis of the emergence of the country as a world power throughout the 20th century, up to the presidency of Obama, within the framework of the new methodological approach of transnational history. The exceptionalist model no longer applies and American history is in need of revision. Students will therefore deal with the major issues of domestic policy while analyzing the new role the United States has come to play in the past few decades globally. The goal of the course

is to provide students both with a general methodology for the study of the United States in a global sphere and an understanding of American politics and society in the past century.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

This course aims to offer students a deeper knowledge of the main issues surrounding international politics, while also providing them with the tools necessary to analyze these issues. It introduces the main ideas, theories and concepts of international relations which have evolved during and since the end of the Cold War. To build on this core knowledge, key issues and themes in international politics are analyzed with a focus on patterns and phenomena which are characterizing the current international order and its transformation. Furthermore, students are encouraged to reflect independently on these theories by focusing on their own research for the mid-term paper on diverse geographic areas and periods of time.

INTERNATIONAL LAW AND DEVELOPMENT

International Development Law is a strategic and operational tool for all involved institutional and non-institutional stakeholders on a global, regional and national level. For this reason the course deals mainly with the role and actions of States and international intergovernmental (political and financial IOs) and non-governmental (NGOs and national and multinational corporations) organizations working at the bilateral, multilateral and multi-bilateral level in order to frame policies, programs and projects as key components of the international development law, also introducing in-depth analysis over the international legal and strategic environmental/climate component as well as the humanitarian patterns of development cooperation in pre-during-post conflict situations.

EVOLVING SECURITY IN THE POST 1945 WORLD

The course aims to define and elaborate on the concept of military security as it developed after the Second World War. The time span is determined by the ineluctable revolution that the discovery and use of nuclear weapons ushered both in terms of military doctrine and of power politics. Starting with a reflection on the reasons of the early failure of collective security, the course will first focus on the crucial hallmarks of security in a bipolar international system, making a clear distinction between States included in, and excluded from, a multilateral alliance. It will then take into consideration the major challenges posed to military security by newly emerging threats as the former was consolidating after the end of the Cold War.

GERMAN STUDIES

The Course, which is for students with a good overall understanding and practical knowledge of the German language, Level B1 (looking to improve specific grammar, written and spoken skills), will build on previously acquired listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. They will further develop their political and cultural knowledge in German-speaking countries. The course is taught in German and is divided into a linguistic section, which pays particular attention to the acquisition of sectoral lexicons in the political-legal and historical-economic fields, and a thematic section, which is devoted to the German-speaking region through texts and documents of various kinds from newspapers, non-fiction books, films and literature, whereby literature serves as a model for complex cultural communication, aesthetics and criticism. Ziel dieses Kurses ist es, die bereits von Studenten erworbenen Sprachkompetenzen durch die Vertiefung der politisch-kulturellen Erfahrungen im deutschsprachigen Raum zu perfektionieren. Es gliedert sich in einen sprachlichen Teil, der dem Erwerb sektoraler Lexika im politisch-juristischen und historisch-ökonomischen Bereich besondere Aufmerksamkeit widmet, und einen weiteren thematischen Teil, der dem deutschsprachigen Raum durch Texte und Dokumente unterschiedlicher Art aus Zeitungen, Sachbüchern, Filmen und Literatur gewidmet ist, wobei die Literatur als Modell für komplexe kulturelle Kommunikation, Ästhetik und Kritik dient.

INTERNATIONAL HISTORY OF PEACE

For centuries mankind has longed for peace and for peaceful solutions to conflicts, but only in the last centuries peace has been perceived as an achievable political aim: this way the idea of war abolition has become conceivable; associations devoted to peace (and pacifism as a sort of peace party) emerged, along with the development of international organizations aimed at banning war and promoting peace-keeping operations. The course gives a historical introduction to the peace issue as one of the nodal points in contemporary politics up to the beginning of the 21st Century. It is devoted to the international history of peace ideas, peace movements, and peace institutions.

SEMINAR - CONFLICTS, DE-FACTO STATES, AND NATIONAL QUESTIONS IN THE POST-SOVIET SPACE

"The aim of the course is to provide an overview of the origin, characteristics and evolution of some of the main conflicts that have exploded in the post-Soviet space in the last three decades, many of which are still unsolved. After an introductory part dedicated to the national question in Tsarist, Soviet, and post-Soviet times, the course focuses on the cases of conflicts and de facto entities of Nagorno-Karabakh, Transnistria, Abkhazia and South Ossetia. The third and last part of the course will be devoted to three key conflicts for understanding contemporary Russia: the two Chechen wars, the Russo-Georgian war of 2008 and the Russian intervention in Ukraine in 2014."

LATIN AMERICA IN THE 20TH CENTURY

- Enable students to develop a working knowledge of the key social, political, and economic transformations occurred in Latin America during the 20th century.
- Acquire knowledge of the most relevant historical process and political formations developed in Latin America that affected the American continents and the global space.
- Develop students' critical thinking and skills through: evaluating historians' arguments; connecting analytic frameworks and historical processes.
- Improve written and oral expressive skills by presenting, discussing, and (substantial) writing.

EAST ASIAN HISTORY IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

By the end of this course, having completed the relevant readings and activities, students should be able to: 1. Analyse the historical development of international relations in East Asia since the mid XIX century, comparing and contrasting developments in East Asia's international politics in the Cold and

post-Cold War periods (CLO 1). 2. Explain the linkages between global and regional security issues in the East Asian region (CLO 2). 3. Discuss the emergence, development, effectiveness and prospects of intra-regional institutions (CLO 3). 4. Assess the prospects for regional stability and cooperation (CLO 4)

SEMINAR - GENDER MAINSTREAMING. FROM BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC: INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL POLICIES FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

The seminar will focus on the concept of Gender Mainstreaming and its evolution as a strategic and political guideline at international, European, and national levels. The aim is to provide an overview of the main systems and platforms dedicated to women's empowerment, also by reading a selected number of documents and legal acts that are relevant in guiding States and international organizations in the definition of policies aimed at protecting women's rights and closing the gender gap. During each lesson, specific attention will be devoted to discussion and dialogue, to raise students' awareness and encourage the acquisition of critical thinking on gender issues.

MULTICULTURAL AMERICAN LITERATURE

The course offers an overview of multiethnic and multicultural literature through a selective examination of authors, trends and historical contexts related to the United States of America. The literary production examined in the course describes a complex cultural and social experience in which writers continuously negotiate their own identity within the communities they belong to and the United States at large, thus exploring linguistic, racial, generational, gender and economic issues in a socio-historical context that has often evolved at a dramatically fast pace.

GENDER AND POLITICAL THEORIES

This course is based on a systematic analysis of the classic works and theories of antique, modern and contemporary political philosophy, through a gender perspective; i.e. those works and theories in which great thinkers have revealed their thoughts regarding the political and social life of women. The aim of the course is to fill a gap in our knowledge about the history of political thought and to comprehend the assumptions behind deeply rooted modes of thought that continue to affect women's lives in significant ways.

SEMINAR - CONTINUITY AND FRACTURE LINES IN CONTEMPORARY CHINA: INSTITUTIONS AND POLITICAL THOUGHT FROM MAO TO XI

Through the seminar, students will be able to widen their skills on Chinese history and international relations issues, focusing on one of the main political actors of the 21st century. From a historical point of view, the main educational aim is to underline the relation of what has happened in Chinese institutions and political thought during the last few decades, leading to the new role that the country is playing on the international scene.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCE

The purpose of this course is to develop a good understanding of international financial markets. We will cover basic theories of the operations of modern monetary systems; interest rate behavior; financial intermediation and central banking; methods and objectives of monetary and regulatory policy. In particular, the following topics will be highlighted: (i) the determination of interest rates, (ii) the functions and operation of financial intermediaries, and (iii) the functions and goals of central banks.

INTERNATIONAL MACROECONOMICS

The course aims to provide a comprehensive background in macroeconomics, building on a mainstream macroeconomic model for the analysis of both business cycle and growth in closed and open economies. The analytical tools developed in the course allow students to understand questions at the core of the current economic and policy debates, from the unfolding of major economic crises, to cyclical fluctuations and the role of stabilization policies, to the challenges for growth.

HISTORY AND POLITICS OF MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

The course will address the evolution of Islamic political doctrine, with a focus on contemporary phenomena such as that of jihadism, salafism, political Islam, post-Islamism, and the relationship between oppositional Islamic parties and government across a range of settings. These themes will be analysed by looking at how local contexts, analysed through an historical lens, intersect with trans-regional phenomena triggered by the new media and migration.

INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Students in this course will become familiar with theoretical and empirical tools for the analysis of the effects of technological innovation in the world economy. Specifically, they will acquire competences of critical analysis of the literature and use of intermediate statistical and econometric techniques for the quantitative analysis, including the relevant statistical software packages.

EUROPEAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

The course provides the basics of European constitutional law through a review of supranational law sources and its functioning between national and European legal systems. Moreover, the course aims to open a debate on the basic structure of the EU form of government, on the functioning of European institutions, and on the protection of fundamental rights at supranational level.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP FOR EU

The course provides the basics of European constitutional law through a review of supranational law sources and its functioning between national and European legal systems. Moreover, the course aims to open a debate on the basic structure of the EU form of government, on the functioning of European institutions, and on the protection of fundamental rights at supranational level.

SEMINAR - UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION HISTORY

"• Identify and analyze the major arguments in U.S. immigration history. • Evaluate a variety of historiography for credibility, position, and perspective. • Identify, summarize, and analyze other scholars' historical arguments at a level appropriate to a comprehensive (qualifying) examination. • Apply historical knowledge and analysis to contribute to contemporary social dialogue. • Produce a piece of original historiographical interpretation and/or research. "

SUSTAINABILITY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TRANSPORT

This course focuses on the sustainability of development patterns. Environmental quality, economic vitality and equity are discussed with a particular emphasis on the critical role played by transportation. In fact, transport is global and fundamental to economy and society, so effective action requires strong international cooperation.

RUSSIAN STUDIES

By the end of the course students will be able: to develop a basic understanding of the principal linguistic features, to be comfortable using the language in everyday situations and to analyse the cultural background of Russia within the context of language teaching.

FINAL THESIS

The general goals of a Master's thesis are to investigate an issue or problem concerning the specialty in depth, to collect original empirical material or data and to analyse this in the light of the corresponding conceptual or theoretical framework, providing the research results as clear and reasoned conclusions.

THE ROOTS OF GLOBALIZATION: EUROPEAN EXPANSION AND COLONIALISM

The course offers students the opportunity to understand the mechanisms that led to the origin of European colonial empires in the early modern age, their functions and how these empires contributed to the first forms of globalization of the early modern world.

CHINESE STUDIES

At the end of the course, students will communicate effectively in Chinese, oral and written, and understand the rich and different cultures of China, so that they will become culturally aware and ready to be global citizens.

REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS IN EUROPE: HISTORY AND THEORIES

The course aims to highlight political representation as one of the characterizing elements of European history, dealing, in particular, with the birth and the development of parliamentary institutions.

GLOBAL ECONOMY AND LABOUR RIGHTS

The course aims at developing the salient characteristics and trends in social and labour rights regulation, in the framework of global economy and sustainable development.

ARABIC STUDIES

The course is to give students a thorough grounding in the written and spoken language, and to equip students with a knowledge of the history and culture of Arabs and Islam.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

This course will provide students with an analytical framework for the study of international trade.