



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

PS 160 International Politics

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course covers the dynamics of the basic factors motivating the behavior of nations and an analysis of the major areas of global political concern.

PREREQUISITES: *PS 101*

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:

- Discuss the history of and trends in the emergence of the international nation-state system and recognize modern challenges to that system;
- Define the theories and paradigms used to study International Politics, as a distinct branch of the social sciences;
- Discuss political topics, and engage in debate with fellow students (inside and outside of class) in an intellectually informed manner. As a corollary to this objective it is expected that students will leave the course able to distinguish between reasoned argument and *ad hominem* statement
- Understand the structure and activities of the various actors influencing policy decisions on the world stage, including the ability to elicit a more specialized knowledge about important countries and regions of the world, current leaders and issues;
- Write thoughtful, college-level essays, with minimal grammar, syntax, or spelling errors;
- Develop critical thinking skills, including the ability to engage relevant points on both sides of an argument and appreciate others' perspectives.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:

90%-100% = A
80%-89.9% = B
70%-79.9% = C
60%-69.9% = D
<60% = E