

POL 300 – Contemporary International Problems

Course Description

This course analyzes the origins and recent developments of major international problems in the Middle East, Central America, and Southern Africa, and their multidimensional impact on world events.

Instructional Materials

Roskin, M., & Berry, N. (2010). *IR: The new world of international relations: 2010 edition* (8th ed.). San Francisco, CA: Longman/Pearson Education.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Identify and describe the key concepts, terms, and theories necessary for understanding international relations in the contemporary world.
2. Describe the multitude of issues that affect relations between states at the regional and global level.
3. Identify and explain the origins and development of current major problems in key regions of the globe.
4. Recognize the ongoing processes of regionalism, globalization, conflict, economic change, and state-building, and describe how these processes influence key countries, regions, and policies.
5. Recognize both state and non-state entities (terrorist groups, religious forces, economic organizations, activist groups, and so forth) and their roles in current international relations.
6. Explain how the various dimensions of international relations and problems influence the formation of American foreign policies, and analyze issues to offer viable policy options.
7. Identify the cultural, economic, and political context of information resources, and interpret information in light of that context.
8. Use technology and information resources to research issues in international problems.
9. Write clearly and concisely about international problems using proper writing mechanics.