

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

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A. Identification:

1. Subject Area: Political Science
2. Course Number: POS 120
3. Course Title: INTRODUCTION TO WORLD POLITICS
4. Credit Hours: 3
5. Catalog Description:
Introduction to the international system, its actors and their capabilities; international political economy; ends and means of foreign policy; international cooperation, tension and conflict. General Education: Social and Behavioral Sciences. Special Requirements: Contemporary Global/International Awareness OR Historical Awareness. Three lecture.

B. Course Goals:

The student will develop an understanding of both international politics and international economy. This understanding will include recognition of the major actors, explanations about their actions, as well as theories explaining the systems. Meets Contemporary Global/International Awareness criteria.

C. Course Outcomes:

Students will:

1. Describe and interpret the nature of the international political system and its actors;
2. Describe, explain, and interpret and compare the major theories of international relations;
3. Identify and explain the concepts of the nation-state, national interests and national power;
4. Describe the structure of international political economy and compare and contrast the strategies undertaken by nation-states therein;
5. Describe and interpret the nature of and interests involved in foreign policy;
6. Explain the evolution of cooperation and conflict in international relations.

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D. Course Outcomes Assessment:

Will include:

1. Presentation or discussion of listed outcomes in clear written or oral form

E. Course Content:

Will include:

1. International political system
 - a. actors
 1. nations
 2. states
 3. intergovernmental organizations
 4. non-governmental organizations
 - b. theories of power
2. Major theories of international relations
 - a. realism and neo-realism
 - b. idealism
 - c. institutionalism
3. Foreign policy
4. Cooperation and conflict
 - a. sources of cooperation and conflict
 - b. theories of the evolution of cooperation

5. International political economy
 - a. strategies of national economic behavior
 - b. state rights
 - c. theories of war and peace