

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Academic year: 2026/2027	
University: Comenius University Bratislava	
Faculty: Faculty of Law	
Course ID: PraF.KMPMV/ ENm17-3102/26	Course title: International Relations
Educational activities: Type of activities: lecture / seminar Number of hours: per week: 1 / 2 per level/semester: 13 / 26 Form of the course: on-site learning	
Type, volume, methods and workload of the student - additional information Required independent work of student: 36 hours.	
Number of credits: 3	
Recommended semester: 1.	
Educational level: II.	
Prerequisites:	
Course requirements: Continuous assessment – 100% of the total assessment – activity in seminars in the form of participation in discussions. The course is examined partly with the use of unannotated legal texts, in accordance with the instructor's instructions. Grading scale: A/1 = 91 – 100%; B/1.5 = 81 – 90%; C/2 = 73 – 80%; D/2.5 = 66 – 72%; E/3 = 61 – 65%; FX = 0 – 60%. Scale of assessment (preliminary/final): 100/0	
Learning outcomes: Knowledge: The student is familiar with the theories and concepts of international relations, is familiar with the historical development of international relations, the current characteristics of the international political system, has an orientation in current issues and trends in international relations and politics. Abilities: The student can analytically and critically assess and interpret international political events from different positions. Has the communication skills necessary to present arguments. Can propose solutions to international challenges. Responsibility and independence: The student can make ethical and responsible decisions taking into account the global and multicultural implications of actions. Is aware of the responsibility for maintaining international security, peace and sustainable development of people and states within the international community.	
Class syllabus: 1. Theories of international relations 2. Historic aspects of international relations 3. Global Westphalian system 4. Emerging of the Cold War	

5. Deepening of the Cold War in 60's
6. Current international security environment
7. Foreign policy of the USA
8. Russia and its place in the World
9. Islam and international relations
10. China and India as actors of international relations
11. Middle East – epicenter of conflicts
12. International Terrorism
13. Basic strategic trends of the 21st century
14. Current issues of international relations

Recommended literature:

Christian Reus-Smit and Duncan Snidal: The Oxford Handbook of International Relations. Oxford University Press, 2008

John Baylis and Steve Smith: The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations. Oxford University Press, 2017

Henry A. Kissinger: Diplomacy. Simon&Schuster, New York 1994

News & Media, international instruments, documents, decisions, etc.

Languages necessary to complete the course:

English

Notes:

Past grade distribution

Total number of evaluated students: 0

A	ABS	B	C	D	E	FX
0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0

Lecturers: Ing. Dušan Rozbora, doc. JUDr. Lukáš Mareček, PhD.

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Approved by: