

MODULE SPECIFICATION " INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND POLITICS IN SHIPPING AND SEA TRANSPORT "

(1) GENERAL

SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND ARTS		
DEPARTMENT	INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN STUDIES		
LEVEL OF STUDY	POSTGRADUATE		
MODULE CODDE	SST004	SEMESTER OF STUDY	A
MODULE TITLE	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND POLITICS IN SHIPPING AND SEA TRANSPORT		
INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES		TEACHING HOURS	CREDITS (ECTS)
LECTURES		39 (in total) ¹	7,5
MODULE TYPE	GENERAL BACKGROUND		
PREREQUISITE MODULES:	NO		
INSTRUCTION AND EXAMINATIONS LANGUAGE:	ENGLISH		
THE MODULE IS OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS	YES		
MODULE WEBPAGE (URL)	https://openeclass.uom.gr/courses/INTERD121/		

(2) LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning Outcomes
<p>Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:</p> <p>International Relations is the study of the states' interaction with each other, international organizations, and various non-state actors. The final yet continuously changing and perpetually ongoing outcome is what defines the political process at an international level. This course will cover the influence that International Relations, at a systemic level, Geopolitics, and International Politics have on International Shipping and Global Sea Transport. Just consider that the Oceans cover 71% of the Earth's surface and that a significant part of the global economy and of the energy sector are directly or indirectly affected by the status of security or diplomacy in the Seas. By the end of the course, the student will be able to facilitate theoretical and empirical knowledge of Why, When, and What is taking place in the Seas today and how and to what extent the security and diplomatic status of International Shipping is being influenced.</p>
General Competencies
<p><i>Enhancement of the theoretical background;</i> <i>novel ideas;</i> <i>multidimensional synthesis of the empirical paradigms</i></p> <p>International Relations is the study of the states' interaction with each other, international organizations, and various non-state actors. The final yet continuously changing and perpetually ongoing outcome is what defines the political process at an international level. This course will cover the influence that International Relations, at a systemic level, Geopolitics, and International Politics have on International Shipping and Global Sea Transport. Just consider that 71% of the Earth's surface is covered by the Oceans and that a significant part of the global economy and of the energy sector are directly or indirectly affected by the status of security or diplomacy in the Seas. By the end of the course, the student will be able to facilitate theoretical and empirical knowledge of Why, When, and What is taking place in the Seas today and how and to what extent the security and diplomatic status of International Shipping is being influenced.</p>

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¹ In this program a module's lectures are every two weeks.

Lecture Plan

1st Lecture: Introduction to the Course

2nd Lecture: What is International Relations: Discussion on the various theoretical Schools of thought

3rd Lecture: Theory of Geopolitics and Maritime Studies

4th Lecture: Sea Transports and Security: Piracy & Armed State Intervention

5th Lecture: The US Maritime Grand Strategy

6th Lecture: The Russian Maritime Grand Strategy

7th Lecture: The Chinese Maritime Grand Strategy

8th Lecture: The British Maritime Grand Strategy

9th Lecture: The French Maritime Grand Strategy

10th Lecture: The Greek Maritime Grand Strategy

11th Lecture: The international system today and the maritime challenges ahead

12th Lecture: Course Summary

(4) TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS – ASSESSMENT

DELIVERY METHOD	Face to face	
USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of the open eClass online platform• Power points and other training materials	
TEACHING METHODS	Activity	Semester workload
	LECTURES	39
	PREPARATION/STUDY OF MATERIAL BEFORE LECTURES	13
	PREPARING FOR AN ESSAY AND A PRESENTATION	30
	AUTONOMOUS STUDY	128
	TOTAL COURSE	210
STUDENT ASSESEMENT	The final grade will emerge as follows:	

METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A final test which will represent 60% of the final grade.- A 2,500 word essay and a presentation of a business plan the professors will assign. The grade of this essay will represent 40% of the final grade.
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(5) RECOMMENDED-BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Suggested Bibliography:

- Kenneth Waltz, Theory of International Politics, Addison – Welsley, 1979
- Colin S. Grey & Geoffrey Sloan (eds.), Geopolitics: Geography and Strategy, Routledge, 2013
- Ruxandra – Laura Bosilca, et al (eds.), Routledge Handbook of Maritime Security, 2022
- Spyridon N. Litsas, US Foreign Policy in the Eastern Mediterranean: Power Politics and Ideology under the Sea, Springer, 2020
- Andrew Monaghan, Russian Grand Strategy in the Era of Global Power Competition, Manchester University Press, 2022
- Thomas M. Kane, Chinese Grand Strategy and Maritime Power, Taylor & Francis, 2016, 3rd
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