

## Contemporary International Relations A | POU44021

Year	Senior Sophister
ECTS Credits	5
Contact Hours	22 hours of lectures
Pre-requisite	Nil
Semester	1
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### Module Outline

The objective of this undergraduate module is to help students critically evaluate current world affairs using concepts and theories from contemporary international relations research. The international system is a complex environment. Multiple actors, interests and institutions interact to produce outcomes that we read and hear about in the media every day. Students will acquire the necessary theoretical tools which will allow for a clearer understanding of the international system and will facilitate critical and informed evaluation of global events, the causes and consequences of conflicts between nations, as well as theories of international security. Existing empirical results will also be emphasized and particular attention will be paid to the relevance of the concepts introduced to contemporary geopolitical issues and conflicts.

### Assessment

Simulation and Response Essay 40%

Final Assignment 60%

### Recommended Reading List

Additional readings and background:

Frieden, J. A., Lake, D. A., & Schultz, K. A. (2016). World politics: interests, interactions, institutions. New York: WW Norton. 3rd Edition. Abbrev: (FLS)

Weekly readings are also required and are listed on Blackboard.