

## Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)  
**Faculty/Institute/College** Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSO 271 **Course Title** International Relations
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** None
5. **Type of Course** Major elective of International Studies Concentration
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** Term 2, every other year

7. **Course Description**

The principles and practice of international relations, with particular reference to the modern world. The bases of international power and interstate competition. Inequalities between states, including domination and colonialism. War and conflict resolution, The role of trade, defense policies, and control over scarce resources. The involvement on non-state players, including international organizations and special interest groups. International issues concerning the treatment of minority groups, human rights, the use of the environment, international crime and terrorism.

8. **Course Objective (s)**

- 1) To detail central theories and concepts of international relations.
- 2) To describe developments and methods of international relations.

9. **Course Outline**

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Introduction; Issues and concepts :	4	Hayes
2	Theories : Realism and Idealism	4	
3	History of International Society	4	
4	Cold War	4	
5	The State : sovereignty and theories	4	
6	Globalization : the underbelly; Global inequality	4	
7	International economy and trade	4	
8	Foreign Policy; Diplomacy and intelligence	4	
9	War and national security	4	
10	Terrorism	4	
11	Environment	4	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	

10. **Teaching Method (s)**

Lecture and discussion.

## **11. Teaching Media**

Texts, transparencies, videos.

## **12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement**

The standard scale of 90 - 100 = A, 85 - 89 = B+, 80 - 84 = B, etc. 60 is required to pass.

## **13. Course evaluation**

Grading will be based on two in-class exams (45% each) and contribution to discussion 10%.

## **14. Reference (s)**

Geoffrey Stern. "Sovereignty : Legal and Political." *The Structure of International Society : An introduction to the study of international relations*. 2nd. Ed. London : Pinter, 2000.

Michael Nicholson. "States, Nations, Government." *International Relations : A concise Introduction*. London : Macmillan, 1998.

Benedict Anderson. "Introduction"; "Cultural Roots." *Imagined Communities : Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*. Rev. Ed. London : Verso, 1991.

## **15. Instructor (s)**

Mike Hayes

## **16. Course Coordinator**

Eugene Jones