

Globalization Studies

Lecturer

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Course mnemonic

POLI-D434

ECTS credits

5 credits

Language(s) of instruction

English

Course period

First term

Course content

This course provides students with an introduction to the main models used to explain foreign policy decisions. Variables presented include political regimes, leadership styles, group dynamics, public opinion, bureaucratic politics, standard operating procedures, decision makers' cognition.

Objectives (and/or specific learning outcomes)

Students should leave the class with a theoretical and analytical perspective that allows them to understand the process of foreign policy decision–making. Special attention will be given to the application of theories to various historical events.

Teaching method and learning activities

This course gives students several opportunities to engage in an active learning experience. They will be offered to participate in simulations, discuss Hollywood's representation of foreign policy, interact on the Web-CT, ask questions to diplomats, and evaluate their peers.

References, bibliography and recommended reading

Required readings include: Allison, Graham. "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis". American Political Science Review,

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Evaluation method(s)

Other

Evaluation method(s) (additional information)

Close book exam (10 points) Research paper (10 points)

Programmes

Programmes proposing this course at the faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences

MA-PINT | Master in Political Sciences : International Relations | finalité Security, peace, conflicts/unit 1, finalité World/unit 1 and finalité Globalisation and public policies/unit 1 and MA60-POLI | Master in Political Sciences : General (60 credits) | option JOUR/unit U