

# Inver Hills Community College

## **POLS 1131: World Politics**

### **A. COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci, Goal 08 - Global Perspective

Requires you to examine and compare the major issues, conflicts, and challenges facing today's global political environment. The course will focus on the following main topics: (1) causes and consequences of globalization, (2) the politics of intervention, (3) cooperation and conflict in global institutions, (4) development, foreign aid, and trade, (5) the politics of human rights and the environment, (6) the politics of arms races, and (7) contemporary case studies of international conflicts. You will learn about related institutions and processes, public policies, and social scientific theory while examining your own political values, experiences and behaviors.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 08/24/2009 - Present

### **C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS**

1. Comparative political culture, behavior and trends: 25%
2. Contemporary study of international issues and conflicts: 25%
3. World politics/international relations-related policies and institutions/organizations: 25%
4. World politics/international relations-related political science theory: 25%

### **D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)**

1. Identify and demonstrate understanding of world politics/international relations concepts/theories
2. Participate in civic engagement project related to an international organization or issue
3. Analyze project, drawing on key concepts/theories
4. Demonstrate understanding of the contemporary global political landscape

### **E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies**

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
2. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
3. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

Goal 08 - Global Perspective

1. Describe and analyze political, economic, and cultural elements which influence relations of states and societies in their historical and contemporary dimensions.
2. Analyze specific international problems, illustrating the cultural, economic, and political differences that affect their solution.
3. Understand the role of a world citizen and the responsibility world citizens share for their common global future.

**F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT**

As noted on course syllabus

**G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted