



## **CIEE in Seville, Spain**

<b>Course name:</b>	Theory and Practice of International Relations: European Perspectives
<b>Course number:</b>	INRE 4001 CSCS
<b>Programs offering course:</b>	Liberal Arts, Advanced Liberal Arts, Business and Society and Communication, New Media and Journalism – Spanish Programs
<b>Language of instruction:</b>	Spanish
<b>U.S. semester credits:</b>	3 credits
<b>Contact hours:</b>	45 hours
<b>Term:</b>	Spring 2019

### **Course Description**

The phenomenon of globalization which is being experienced by international society in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the inclusions and exclusions that this produce is transforming our society into a complex reality and one that is increasingly difficult to govern.

This course will serve as an introduction to the European panorama -within the context of international relations- which will permit and facilitate the contrast and comparison with other models.

### **Learning Objectives**

Given the varying academic backgrounds of the students and the complex nature of the subject, the course will address a broad range of general problems and questions to be analyzed throughout the semester.

The primary objective of the course is to provide the student with a greater understanding of the structure and dynamic of our world and the needs and challenges which we face.

### **Course Prerequisites**

Given the multidisciplinary nature of the course and the questions to be addressed, the student with an academic background in political science, social sciences, economics, law, history, humanities, etc. are particularly well-suited to this class.

While following a lecture format, the active participation of the student is encouraged. Therefore, an advanced level of Spanish is recommended.

### **Methods of Instruction**

Given the diverse academic formation of the students, as well as the basic character and objectives of the course, the methodology is simple, although not lacking in ambition. The student will be required to complete readings to complement class lectures and which will facilitate the comparison of various trends and manners of understanding the current international community and the challenges that it faces (hegemony, peace and security, human rights, development, the environment, etc.)

### **Assessment and Final Grade**



CIEE classes are not graded on a curve nor is there extra credit work. The final grade will be based upon the following criteria:

- **Mid-term and Final Exam** **50%**
- **Attendance and participation** **25%**
- **Class work and presentations** **25%**

Class work may consist of essays as well as in-class presentations about the material.

Exams will be cumulative

### **Course Requirements**

#### **Attendance policy**

Students are not allowed to miss class for unjustified reasons. For each unexcused absence, the participation portion of the grade will be lowered. Hence, it will be very difficult to receive a 100 in the class. Please keep this in mind.

If a student misses class once without a valid excuse (a note from a physician in the event of an illness), then the professor will automatically lower the final grade by 5 points (on a 100-point scale) for each class missed thereafter. Students with 6 or more unexcused absences will fail the course. Students should arrive to class on-time. Arriving more than 15 minutes late for a class will count as an unexcused absence.

Please note that an excused absence is one that is accompanied by a doctor's note: signed stamped and dated. Travelling and/or travel delays are not considered valid reasons for missing class.

**Academic Honesty:** Students are expected to act in accordance with their University and CIEE's standards of conduct concerning plagiarism and academic dishonesty. Use of online translators for work in Spanish will result in an automatic failure.

**Linguistic Resource Center:** Students are encouraged to use the writing center.

### **Weekly Schedule**

#### **Theme 1: International law and International Relations**

##### **Weeks 1 and 2:**

1. Structure of international law: its material dimension
  - A. general considerations
  - B. material dimension of the system
    - a. main material elements
    - b. inequality between states and their policy implications
2. Structure of the international system: its normative dimension
  - A. main formal elements
  - B. the phenomenon of international organization
  - C. relational, institutional and community structures



- D. General international law and private international law
- 3. International functions
- 4. Methodological consideration of international relations

## **Theme 2: International Society**

### **Week 3 and 4:**

1. The concept of international society
2. The structural elements of international society
3. International society in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: between globalization and fragmentation

### Theme 3: The State

#### **Week 5:**

1. General considerations
2. The constituent elements of the State
3. State sovereignty: the principles of sovereign equality and non-intervention in internal affairs
4. Evolution and transformation of the State

#### **Week 6: Review and Mid-term Exam**

## **Theme 4: International Organizations (I)**

### **Week 7:**

1. Concept, classes and structures of international organizations
2. The functions and competencies of international organizations
3. Will training the international organizations

## **Theme 5: International Organizations (II): United Nations**

### **Week 8:**

1. The creation of the United Nations
2. Purpose and principles of the UN
3. Members and structure
4. The UN system

## **Theme 6: Other Actors in International Relations**

### **Week 9:**

1. Non-governmental organizations (NGO's)
2. Multinational corporations
3. International public opinion
4. Individuals in international society

## **Theme 7: The Use of Force in International Relations**

### **Week 10:**

1. Situation, controversy and international conflicts
2. The pacific settlement of international conflicts
3. The prohibition of threat or use of force



4. Exceptions to the prohibition
  - a. Interpretations of Article 2(4) of the UN Charter
  - b. Self-defense
  - c. Collective security
  - d. New tendencies

### **Theme 8: Promotion of Fundamental Interests of the International Community**

#### **Week 11:**

1. International protection of human rights
2. International protection of human rights
3. Cooperation and the environment

#### **Week 12: Review and Final Exam**

### **Course Materials**

#### ***Readings***

The professor will provide the students with the text needed for class along with powerpoint presentations.

Additional readings, audio visual material, newspaper and magazine articles related to the subject matter will also be available to the student.