

**SYLLABUS**  
**PART I**  
**EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**PLS 224S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**  
**3 CREDIT HOURS**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Introduction to the inter-relationships that exist in today's world, both locally and internationally. Develop a greater appreciation for and broader understanding of various cultures and peoples in a global society. Understand these interactions within the context of politics, economics, social structures, power, conflicts, culture, and religion.

**COURSE GOALS**

The student will:

Bloom's Level		Gen Ed Outcomes
1	1. Identify key concepts related to International Relations	1, 6
2	2. Differentiate main ideological schools of thought in International Relations.	1, 6
3	3. Discover and appreciate inter-relationships and cross-cultural dimensions between countries and cultures in the global community.	1, 5, 6
5	4. Analyze/assess the effectiveness and relevancy of international organizations and their ability to intervene in crisis situations around the world.	1, 6
3	5. Discover the interaction of societies, inherent inequities between societies and the global disparity of the distribution of resources.	1,6
3	6. Develop an appreciation for the richness of diversity in the world and the insights that other countries have to solve global problems.	1, 4, 6
5	7. Articulate the role that Power Politics and international economic institutions play in global society.	1, 4, 6
4	8. Evaluate current global political developments and their impact on public policy in the area of international affairs and be able to objectively analyze and evaluate contemporary political events and their effects.	1, 3, 6
1	9. Analyze and evaluate contemporary political events and their impact on public policy in international affairs.	1, 2, 3
4	10. Assess the impact of the evolution of modern nation states and the effects of democracy upon international relations.	1, 2, 3

**CORE VALUES**

The core values are a set of principles that guide Edison Community College in creating its educational programs and environment. They include communication, ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry/respect for learning, and interpersonal skills/teamwork. The goals and objectives in this course will introduce/reinforce these Core Values whenever appropriate.

## **TOPIC OUTLINE**

1. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
2. International Organizations and Legal Systems
3. United Nations (UN)
4. Political Socialization and Culture
5. World Bank
6. Diverse Policymaking and its Impact
7. Economic Theories and World Economies
8. Democratization and Globalization
9. Global Interdependence
10. International Conflicts and Conflict Resolution
11. Dynamics of North-South Relations
12. Global Environmental and Technology Issues