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C: POLI 203 D: CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES E: 3

Subject & Course No.	Descriptive Title	Semester Credits
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F: Calendar Description:
 This course examines conflict and collaboration in the international system and includes an analysis of some of the current issues in the areas of security, north-south relations, the global economy and the environment. The role of international organizations in the field

M: Course Objectives / Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of the course the successful student will be able to:

1. Understand the nature of conflict and collaboration in the current international system, various theories on the causes of conflict between and within states and different approaches to conflict resolution.
2. Apply their understanding of the causes of conflict and collaboration to an analysis of some of the current issues in the international system.
3. Apply their understanding of international politics to an analysis of current issues in the global economy, north-south relations and the environment.
4. Undertake further study of international politics.

N: Course Content:

Unit One: Global Issues and International Relations Theory

- 1.1 Identification of global issues examined in the course
- 1.2 Discussion of current theoretical perspectives: realism, liberalism, idealism, international political economy, regime theory, complex interdependence, hegemonic stability theory, neo-mercantilism, Marxism, dependency theory, feminism, global governance and other post-modernist approaches

Unit Two: Managing, Resolving and Preventing Conflict:

- 2.1 Settlement patterns, diplomacy, negotiations, arms control
UN peacekeeping and peacemaking
- 2.2 NATO and regional security issues
- 2.3 Humanitarian Intervention

Unit Three: The Global Economy

- 3.1 Globalization, regionalization, interdependence, dependence

