

**THE AMERICAN
BUSINESS SCHOOL
PARIS**

COURSE TITLE : **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

COURSE NUMBER : POL 210

CREDITS : 3

PREREQUISITE : NONE

SEMESTER HOURS : 45

OFFERED : FALL, SPRING & SUMMER

COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES :

Basic concepts and processes of world politics will be illustrated through the analysis of power rivalries, competing images and ideologies and transformation of world economic relations.

Students should acquire a basic understanding of the nation state system, power relationships, the balance of power, and of political and economic relations among nations so that they will be more aware and informed as world citizens.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY :

The class will be developed through lectures, reading and class discussions. One major research project and oral presentation will be made during the semester. Will be dealt with in class :

- Historic international systems; the contemporary global system
- The purpose of states : foreign policy goals & strategies
- Foreign policy actions : power, capabilities & influence
- Instruments of policy : diplomatic bargaining, propaganda, economic rewards & coercion
- Clandestine actions & military intervention
- Law and world opinion in explanations of foreign policy
- Ethics in explanations of foreign policy
- Interaction of states : conflict & conflict resolution
- International cooperation

TEXT : *International Relations*, Goldstein, Pearson, 7th Edition, 2006

EVALUATION :

The final grade will be made up of a class presentation (20%), a research project (20%), a mid-term test (30%) and a final examination (30%).