

Foreign Policy Analysis (IR-802)

(Core Course)

Course Description: This course covers the literature, research topics, and current issues in the area of foreign policy analysis, which is an identifiable subfield within the study of international relations in political science. Research in this area is designed to answer the question: Why do states do what they do in international politics? The course is organized in a basic "levels of analysis" framework that corresponds to the historical development of the study of foreign policy analysis. Particular attention will be paid to current decision-making approaches to foreign policy. The course emphasizes theories of foreign policy, although students will also be exposed to the substance/content of the foreign policies of various countries.

Course Objectives: The course aims:

- To enable the students to analyze a country's foreign policy from different aspects.
- To study the foreign policy-making process and the role of state and non-state actors in this process in different political systems.
- To introduce the students to the framework of foreign policy analysis in studying foreign policy analysis.
- Analyzing the pertinent foreign policy decisions in a theoretical framework and applying models of foreign policy making.

Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, the students will be able to:

- Understand foreign policy-making processes in general.
- Acquire knowledge of different theories and models of foreign policy making.
- Analyze significant foreign policy decisions and their outcomes.

Course Contents

Week 1:	Importance of Foreign Policy in International Relations
Week 2:	Principles and objectives of foreign policy
Week 3:	Determinants of foreign policy
Week 4:	Theories of Foreign Policy

Week 5:	Foreign policy-making process
Week 6:	Approaches to the Study of Foreign Policy formulation
Week 7:	Elements of Foreign Policy
Week 8:	Models of foreign policy decision making
<i>Week 9:</i>	<i>Midterm Exam</i>
Week 10:	Internal and External Pressures & limitations in the Formulation of Foreign Policy
Week 11:	Leaders, Institutions, and Process
Week 12:	Foreign Policy, Media, Public Opinion
Week 13:	Foreign Policy; National and Transnational Actors
Week 14:	Understanding Domestic Politics
Week 15:	Historical development of the study of foreign policy analysis.
<i>Week 16:</i>	<i>Final Exam</i>

Reading Material

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