

## **GPA 314 Introduction to International Relations**

**Pre-Requisites:** GPS – 101: Introduction to Political Science

### **Learning Objectives:**

This course will help students understand and explain competing theoretical frameworks of international relations, the actions of states, and issues in the international world order. They will study the international world order and state system, and how it influences states' pursuit of security, diplomacy, and foreign policy. Students will also learn about major international events that have inextricably affected society, states, and progress worldwide

### **Learning Outcomes:**

After completing the course, students should be able to:

- Understand who and what processes exercise power and influence international events
- Explain international events through the acquisition of theoretical knowledge
- Debate and critically analyze the strengths and weaknesses of IR frameworks and theories
- Understand the role of diplomacy in furthering the interests of states and in establishing an international world order

### **Course Contents:**

Some of the topics to be covered will be The international society, its evolution and development, The Post Cold-war International Order, Realism, Liberalism, Constructivism, Post Colonialism and World Politics, International Regimes, Nuclear Proliferation, Human security.

### **Text Books and Software:**

1. Andrew Cooper, Jorge Heine & Ramesh Thakur, eds., The Oxford Handbook of Modern Diplomacy, (London: Oxford University Press, 2013)
2. Andrew Heywood, Global Politics, 2nd edition (London: Palgrave, Macmillan, 2014).

3. John Baylis, Steve Smith and Patricia Owens, eds., *Globalization of World Politics* 6th edition (London: Oxford University Press, 2014).
4. Nancy Snow, Philip M. Taylor, eds., *The Routledge Handbook of Public Diplomacy*, (New York: Taylor