Université catholique de Louvain

LSPRI2080

International relations theory

5.0 credits

30.0 h

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Teacher(s) :	Liegeois Michel ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes :	As a general introduction, the philosophical roots of the theories of the IR as well as some epistemological pre-conditions are first presented
	The course deals then with a panorama of the concepts and theories constituting the foundation of the Interna-tional Relations discipline(IR). The great interparadigmatic debates which enamelled its evolution are reviewed. The approach is thus overall but not strictly chronological. Thus, teaching coherence will impose, for example, to gather in the same chapter the whole of the theories of realistic inspiration whereas those did not cease occu-pying the scene since second half of the XXth century.
Aims :	By the end of this course, the student should have good knowledge and correct use of the main studied concepts and have integrated the necessary theoretical nature of any knowledge in IR. The student will have to be able to decode and criticize the theoretical hypothesis of a scientific article. He will be moreover capable of applying and distinguish the most appropriate theoretical and conceptual tools in order to elucidate a given problematic. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".
Content :	 General introduction: the construction of the IR as a scientific discipline, the role and significance of the theories in IR Realistic theories: traditional realism, neo-realism, neo-classic realism and contemporary alternatives Transnationalists theories, neo-liberal institutionalism Constructivism and the contemporary theoretical debate Theories of the foreign policy
Other infos :	None
	Written exam + application exercise ICampus Website, Slide show, collection of readings
Cycle and year of study :	Master [60] in Political Sciences: General Master [120] in Political Sciences: International Relations Advanced Master in International Law
Faculty or entity in charge:	PSAD