Content

Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
RI226	International Relations Theories	4	3	3	0	3	5

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	French
Course Type	Compulsory
Course Level	Bachelor Degree
Objective	-To provide students with a solid grounding in theories of International Relations; to enable them to grasp the main theoretical approaches comparatively and to analyse international events with these theoretical tools. By covering critical and non-Western approaches alongside mainstream theories, the course aims to offer a pluralist reading of the discipline.
Content	-The course opens with the question of what a theory of International Relations is and what it is for. It then examines the realist tradition (classical realism, neorealism, offensive/defensive realism and neoclassical realism), the liberal tradition (classical liberalism and neoliberalism) and Marxism. The second half of the course addresses the English School, constructivism, the Critical School and contemporary critical theories (poststructuralism, feminism, postcolonialism), as well as non-Western approaches to International Relations.
References	Core readings: • Atila Eralp (ed.), Devlet, Sistem ve Kimlik, Istanbul, İletişim Yayınları, 17th ed., 2022. • Ramazan Gözen, Uluslararası İlişkiler Teorileri, Istanbul, İletişim Yayınları, 2021. • Richard Devetak, Jacqui True (eds.), Theories of International Relations, London, Bloomsbury Academic, 6th ed., 2022. • Jean-Baptiste Jeangène Vilmer, Théories des relations internationales, Paris, Presses Universitaires de France, 2nd ed., 2023. • Dario Battistella, Jérémie Cornut, Elie Baranets, Théories des relations internationales, Paris, Presses de Sciences Po, 6th ed., 2019. Further readings: • E. Luard, Basic Texts in International Relations, London, Macmillan, 1992. • J. Dougherty, R. Pfaltzgraff Jr., Contending Theories of International Relations, New York, Harper and Row, 1990. • M. Donelan, Elements of International Political Theory, Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1992. • R. Jackson, G. Sørensen, Introduction to International Relations, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2001. • C. Kegley, Controversies in International Relations Theory: Realism and the Neoliberal Challenge, New York, St. Martin's Press, 1995. • P.R. Viotti, M.V. Kauppi, International Relations Theory, New York, Macmillan, 1993. • J.A. Vasquez, The Power of Power Politics, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1998. • Jean-Jacques Roche, Théories des relations internationales, 4th ed., Paris, Montchrestien, 2001. • Faruk Sönmezoğlu, Uluslararası İlişkiler ve Dış Politika, Istanbul, Filiz Kitabevi, 1995. • Tayyar Arı, Uluslararası İlişkiler Teorileri, Istanbul, Alfa Yayınları, 2002. • Deniz Ülke Arıboğan, Kabileden Küreselleşmeye, Istanbul, Sarmal Yayınları, 1999. Journals: International Organization; International Security; International Affairs; Review of International Studies; World Politics; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Theoretical Politics.

Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	Introduction: What are theories of International Relations? What are they for?
2	Classical realism
3	Neorealism I
4	Neorealism II
5	Offensive/defensive realism; neoclassical realism
6	Classical liberalism

Week	Weekly Contents
7	Neoliberalism
8	Neo-Marxist approaches
9	The English School
10	Constructivism
11	The Critical School and contemporary critical theories (poststructuralism)
12	The Critical School and contemporary critical theories (feminism, postcolonialism)
13	Non-Western approaches to International Relations I
14	Non-Western approaches to International Relations II