

**Hagerstown Community College  
MASTER SYLLABUS**

**COURSE:** POL 204 - International Relations, 3 Credits

**INSTRUCTOR:** Dr. Eric Schwartz

**SEMESTER/YEAR:** Fall 2017

**Room:** LRC 121, 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday & Thursday

**Office Hours:** Monday 1:30-2:30; Tuesday 1:30-3:30; Wednesday 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The course examines the major approaches to international relations, stressing interstate relations and the contemporary international political system. Special emphasis is placed on the methods and goals of diplomacy and the peaceful settlement of disputes. Other topics include an examination of the history of diplomacy; international institutions and organizations; transnationalism, decision making, and the increasing interdependence of the modern world; the methods of conducting foreign relations, the foreign policies of the major powers, and the means of avoiding and alleviating international conflicts. A strictly non-partisan approach is followed that aims to be inclusive of all political orientations. Prerequisite: GEO 105 or POL 101; or the consent of the instructor. Semester offered: variable.

**TEXTBOOK:** Nau, Henry R., *Perspectives on International Relations: Power, Institutions, and Ideas*, 4th ed., 2012. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:** Upon completion of the course, students will make analytical/synthesizing presentations that will be judged as competent by practitioners of international relations.

**MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE:**

	DIRECT Faculty Instruction In-class <b>37.5 h required</b>	Student Work Out of Classroom <b>75 h required</b>
In-class "lecture"	37.5 h	
Reading chapters		5 h
Quiz/activity for each chapter	Included in lecture time	5 h prep
Research project		40 h
1 lecture exams		10 h exam prep
Cumulative final exam	Included in lecture time	15 h exam prep
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>37.5 h</b>	<b>75 h</b>

**Services for Students with Disabilities:** Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at [dss@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:dss@hagerstowncc.edu) or at 240-500-2530.