

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

**Course Code / Title** : HA1001 Introduction to International Relations and Foreign Policy

**Pre-requisites** : Nil

**No. of AUs.** : 3

**Contact Hours** : 39

### **Course Aims**

This compulsory PPGA course will provide you with the core concepts and issues of international relations. It examines international history, causes of war and peace, international political economy, international rules and norms, and foreign policy making. In addition, the course will inform you of contemporary and future problems in the international system, including territorial disputes, the trading system, development and human security. The course aims to develop your knowledge and ability to evaluate contemporary international issues, which is critically important for future PPGA (including political science/international relations) courses.

### **Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)**

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

- 1) Describe the major concepts and terminologies relating to the international relations;
- 2) Identify major characteristics of the world politics as well as general causes of international conflict and cooperation;
- 3) Explain the characteristics and differences between the mainstream IR theories;
- 4) Debate critically some of the major issues in global affairs; and
- 5) Research independently to form an in-depth knowledge of some contemporary IR issues.

### **Course Content**

International History, IR Theories (Realism, Liberalism, Constructivism), International Security, Gender in international politics, International Law and Organizations, Great power politics, Traditional Security Issues, Non-Traditional Security Issues, and technology and diplomacy.

**Course Assessment**

CA1 Participation	: 20%
CA2 Video Presentation	: 30%
CA3 Take-Home Essay/Memo	: 20%
CA4 Final Quiz	: 30%
<b>Total</b>	-----
	<b>100%</b>