**Italian code: SPS/04 - GSPS-02/A Credits: 9**

**Course: International Relations**

**Main language of instruction:** Italian

**Other language of instruction:** English

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**Objectives**

This Master’s Degree in International Relations aims at providing students with a knowledge of the most relevant aspects of international politics in the course of its historical evolution in the 20th century and in the first decades of the 21st. The Course includes the study of some fundamental periods in the international history of the 20th century:

- Aspects and problems of international political and economic security from the Versailles Peace Conference to the crises of the 1930s.

- Aspects and interpretative problems of the Cold War, as it evolved.

- Aspects of the international system in the transition from the 20th to the 21st century.

The knowledge and characteristics of these periods will be developed in the Course with particular reference to the elements of a political-diplomatic, economic, financial and geopolitical nature, which distinguish them in the history of international relations.

**Course structure**

The International Relations course has the following learning objectives, which are the specific objectives of the course of study:

- Deepen the characteristics of the international system in the 20th century and study methods

- To delve into the evolution, successes and failures of the collective security system of the 1920s. Political, economic and social aspects

- Deepen the origins and developments of the Cold War. From the Jalta and Potsdam Conferences, to the development of the détente process and to the end of the confrontation between blocs and the collapse of totalitarianism in Europe

- Deepen aspects and problems of contemporary international politics between the end of the Cold War and the evolution of multilateralism.

**Competencies**

The student must demonstrate:

- Disciplinary knowledge and understanding

- Ability to apply knowledge and understanding in terms of skills

- Autonomy of judgement

- Communication skills

- Learning ability

The desired learning outcome is to obtain from the student - in attending the oral or written examination - the ability to know, learn and assess in depth the characteristics of international relations during the 20th century and in the first decades of the following century.

Consequently, the student will have to rely not only on the study of the main results offered by the most recent international studies and by means of the teaching materials provided by the lecturer, but also on the ability to identify premises and developments of events and issues related to the programme.

In the oral examination, the student is also required to have adequate communication skills based on appropriate language and exposition and a high degree of precision with regard to the various issues, in line with the contents of the programme. Particular attention is paid to these interpretative and research skills by the student who intends to conduct a dissertation in the discipline

**Syllabus**

**Subject 1**

**development of the international relations between xx and xxi centuries**

**Subject 2**

**THE CRISIS OF THE EUROPEAN SYSTEM AFTER WORLD WAR I AND THE ILLUSION OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SECURITY, 1919-1929**

**Subject 3**

**THE COLD WAR. HISTORICAL ASPECTS AND PROBLEMS OF INTERPRETATION**

**Subject 4**

**ASPECTS OF THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM: UNILATERALISM AND MULTILATERALISM; GLOBALISATION AND FRAGMENTATION; LIGHTS AND SHADOWS OF THE ‘BRICS’ (CHINA, INDIA, RUSSIA, BRAZIL, AND OTHERS); THE UNCERTAIN ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, POWER ASSUMPTIONS AND TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS**

**Evaluation system and criteria**

The examination normally consists of an oral test (this may be held at the Rome headquarters) or a written test, aimed at ascertaining the ability to analyse and rework the concepts acquired, and with a prior booking by the student.

Erasmus students are encouraged to contact the professor to agree on a customized syllabus.

Study materials (available in both Italian and English) will be provided directly by the professor if not available in the library. The oral exam can be taken in English.

The examination will be aimed at:

- ascertaining the knowledge and comprehension of the student;

- ascertaining the ability to apply that knowledge to analyze current trends and events in international relations;

- ascertaining the mastery of the specific language concerning the international relations.

**Bibliography and resources**

1. *Materials to consult*

* Henry Kissinger, *Diplomacy*, Simon & Shuster, New York – London – Toronto – Sidney, 1994.

Only the following Chapters: 1, 10, 17, 18, 20, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31

- Italian Version:

Henry Kissinger, *L’arte della diplomazia*, Sperling Paperback, 2004

The same chapters of the English Version

* Notes written by the instructor are also available in Italian.