NVCC COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY

PLS 241 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS I (3 CR.)

COURSE INFORMATION

This course teaches the geographic, demographic, economic ideological and other factors conditioning the policies of countries and discusses conflicts and their adjustment. Lecture 3 hours per week.

GENERAL COURSE OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to the complexities of international policies. It is intended for students enrolled in any program of the college and is especially recommended for any student who intends to achieve a four-year degree.

ENTRY LEVEL COMPETENCIES

Ability to use the English language correctly and effectively at the college freshman level.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To understand vocabulary and terms used in an international political and legal context.
2. To be aware of the importance of international affairs and their potential effect on daily life.
3. To appreciate the importance of international political affairs in their implications for a citizen of a democratic nation.
4. To improve analytic writing, and verbal communication skills.
5. To understand some of the fundamental difficulties and global realities that makes the twentieth century such a dangerous era.

MAJOR TOPICS

1. Population and food
2. Development, resources and environment
3. The state
4. The state and the system
5. The state and foreign policy
6. National interest
7. War