

## NVCC COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY

### PLS 242 - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS II (3 CR.)

#### **COURSE INFORMATION**

This course teaches foreign policies of the major powers in the world community with emphasis on the United States role in contemporary world affairs. Lecture 3 hours per week.

#### **GENERAL COURSE OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to the complexities of contemporary international political problems and policies. It is intended for any student with a desire to be knowledgeable of the world around him and is especially recommended for any student who aspires to a four-year degree.

#### **ENTRY LEVEL COMPETENCIES**

Ability to read and write the English language with competence.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

1. To understand in detail the parameters of the major international political problems of the contemporary era.
2. To understand in detail the foreign policy stance of the major powers vis a vis those problems.
3. To achieve interest and acquire the habit of continuing self-education with respect to international affairs.

#### **MAJOR TOPICS**

1. Historical background of the 20th century international system
2. The contemporary global system
3. Actors and power
4. International cooperation
5. Economics
6. Flash points and chronic problems
7. Human rights
8. The future