



# PWB-IE-PS: Introduction to International and European Politics

<b>Term:</b>	Summer 2022	<b>CPs:</b>	5 ECTS
<b>Schedule:</b>	Wednesdays 12:00 – 14:00	<b>Room:</b>	F21/03.02
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## Course Description

This unit is designed to accompany the introductory lecture on international politics. It is as such aimed at first-year BA students in the politics programme(s) or for students of other subjects who combine their concentration with politics. The seminar aims to recapitulate and deepen the most important assumptions and theoretical approaches to three areas of International Relations: *foreign policy*, *international institutions*, and *European integration*. Students will learn to apply these theories in a number of group assignments, via presentations, and a written portfolio. The seminar will introduce students to the application of international political theory, academic writing, and the investigation of primary source material.

## Assessment

To pass, students need to:

- Give a short presentation in class (about 10-15 mins)
- Participate in and contribute to all group assignments
- Submit a portfolio consisting of two short papers on a different topic each

**Please note:** The instruction and working language of this course is English. Classes will be held in English. All coursework and assignments must be completed in English. Corresponding proficiency in English is therefore required.

## Brief Unit Overview

1 27/04/22 Introduction and Course Overview

2 04/05/22 Writing Skills

### Part I: Foreign Policy

3 11/05/2022 Structural Realism

4 18/05/2022 New Liberalism

5 25/05/2022 Political Culture

6 01/06/2022 Group Work: The Russo-Ukrainian War

### Part II: International Institutions

7 08/06/2022 Liberal Institutionalism

8 15/06/2022 International Regimes

9 22/06/2022 Game Theory and Institutional Design

10 29/06/2022 Group Assignment: Institutions and Game Theory

### Part III: European Integration

11 06/07/2022 Group Work: Structure and Procedures of the EU

12 13/07/2022 Neofunctionalism

13 20/07/2022 Liberal Intergovernmentalism

14 27/07/2022 Closing Session

### Essay Due Dates

**10/06/2022** Essay I (on topic from part I)

**15/09/2022** Essay II (on topic from part II *or* III)

## Course Details and Assessment

### Teaching Arrangements and Registration

The unit is delivered via weekly seminars. In contrast to lectures, seminars take place in smaller groups and aim to be much more interactive. Your active participation is therefore expected. Each seminar will proceed with the expectation of you having completed that week's reading. Without proper participation and preparation, learning outcomes will be hampered severely.

The number of participants is limited. Student registration via FlexNow! is mandatory. The registration period runs from *04 April to 08 May 2022*. Late registration requires compelling reason and is only possible in consultation with the lecturer. If you have any questions regarding examination, enrolment, and unenrolment, please contact the secretary of the chair, Ms Claudia Genslein ([claudia.genslein@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:claudia.genslein@uni-bamberg.de)).

### Literature & Assigned Readings

The required reading for each session is provided for download on the virtual campus platform. Additional readings are listed in this syllabus as a starting point for your essays, many of which are also provided on the platform.

### Evaluation and Essay Grading

Throughout this unit, you will need to submit a portfolio of two short essays on two different topics. **The first paper must be submitted by 10/06/2022, the second one by 15/09/2022.**

The first paper is to be written on any topic from part I of class. If this is the first time you submit a paper throughout your studies, it is recommended (but not necessary) to utilize structural realism for your first paper. The choice of topic for the second essay is up to the participants, provided they refer to a topic from part II or III.