

International Relations

1. Describe history and specific of international relations as a field of study and explain the relation of international relations to political science. Explain key aspects of international relations; explain the concept of national interest.
2. Define following structural concepts of IR: hierarchy, anarchy, polarity, symmetry and asymmetry, centrum and periphery.
3. Comprehensively analyze the first debate in IR theory (key theories and topics, main authors). Briefly introduce the second, third and fourth debate in IR theory.
4. Introduce basic concepts of international security and focus primarily on the process of broadening the concept of security itself.
5. Analyze the following international security concepts: collective defense, collective security, security concert.
6. Analyze the following international security concepts – common security, neutrality, non-alignment..
7. Analyze the issue of international organizations (definitions, typology of international organizations using several dimensions, role and function of international organizations in international relations).
8. Analyze the workings of the United Nations (from historical and contemporary perspective), introduce its institutional structure, and elaborate on the possible future reform of the UN.
9. Classify wars according to dimensions of space, time, intensity and methods of fighting. List specifics of civil wars and shortly assess the concept of just war.
10. Introduce the concept of humanitarian law. Elaborate on relevant definition of military conflict, its typology and key causes of war in academic literature.
11. Introduce periodization of history of the international system; characterize each phase and identify possible breaking points. Focus primarily on the first systemic period.
12. Analyze the workings of the European concert in the 19th century. Briefly describe key players and ideas behind the concert.

13. Analyze the development of international relations since end of WWII until 1925, explaining key events and actors involved. Assess attempts to reform international relations after the Great War.
14. Analyze the development of international relations since the beginning of the Great Depression until eruption of WWII., explaining key events and actors involved..
15. Present basic characteristic and phases of the colonization process, including economic theoretical explanations. List main colonial powers and the extent of their empires.
16. Analyze the process of decolonization, its development and the most important impacts. Introduce a periodization of the decolonization process.
17. Analyze the roots of the Cold War and institutional development of international politics after WWII. List key events in international politics between 1945 and 1962.
18. List the key events in international politics during 1962–1991. Analyze the impact of the events you have selected.
19. Describe the ideological bipolarity between USSR and the United States during the Cold War.
20. Describe key aspects of terrorism in contemporary international relations – definitions of terrorism, key authors, typology and periodization of terrorism.
21. Analyze security threats for post-communist countries in Central and Eastern Europe.
22. Analyze the security environment in contemporary Asia.
23. Analyze the security environment in contemporary Africa.
24. Analyze the security environment in contemporary Latin America and describe the development of relations between the United States and the Latin American region.