

## Political Science

Course # HUSS 2072

Credits 3

**Pre-requisites and Co-requisites: None**

### Course Description

World Politics is in transition, and it is vividly observed that the modern state and the international system of modern states loom over all our lives. This is true in advanced industrial democracies, developing countries, and in the varied Central Asian context. But what is the state, and how is it organized? In this course, students learn what states do, and why they sometimes perform their functions effectively, while at other times they perform their functions less effectively. The course focuses on how some states successfully provide security, stability, infrastructure, education, and modernization, whereas others fail to do so. The course also explores the way in which the conditions of globalization resulting in growing complex interdependence and transnational relations may be impacting states in new ways. This includes addressing the daunting questions, like to what extent do states react to challenges and opportunities of global interdependence? What role do states see in response to the rise of transnational actors that affect the behavior, autonomy and power of states?

### Course Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the students are expected to:

- Describe the form(s) and function(s) of the state that distinguish it from other entities
- Describe how states behave in the international system of states
- Explore the variety of states in relation to local context and diverse legacies in the context
- Explain the role legitimacy and norms play in statehood
- Explore the ways in which states interact with and impact societies
- Analyze the varied impact of globalization on states
- Examine case studies of states navigating global challenges.
- Develop critical thinking skills in evaluating state responses to global issues.

### Course Assessments and Grading

| Item          | Weight, % |
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| Participation | 10%       |

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| Oral Presentation | 25 % |
| Writing Tasks     | 35%  |
| Final Paper       | 30%  |