

ADDIS ABABA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
GLOBAL TRENDS COURSE OUTLINE

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2. Course Information	
Course Title	Global Trends
Course Code	GITr 1012
Credit Hours	02 Cr.Hrs (4 ECTS)
Status of Course	Compulsory Common Course
3. Course Description	
Course Description	<p>The course is designed to familiarize learners on the nature and development of international relations and global issues. It deals with nations, states, national interest, cooperation and conflict among states, and the role of state and non-state actors in the international system. Additionally, it explains the nature of international law, global political economy and the nexus between regionalism and globalization. It also critically examines the contemporary global issues and how the international community is trying to address them. It is organized to systematically examine international issues by employing different theories and providing concrete examples from different parts of the world. Last but not least, after providing rigorous understanding of how the international system functions, it will equip learners to consciously observe and critically understand the Ethiopia's Relations with the outside world. As the saying goes "Think globally act locally!"</p>
4. Course Purpose	
Course Purpose	<p>We live in an exciting yet challenging period in history. The world seems to dominantly progress in constantly opposing directions. On the one hand, because of globalization, the world is getting closer and becoming interconnected in ways never experienced before generating more wealth, scientific innovation, and cross-national cooperation. On the other hand, the challenges of war, terror, arms trade, money laundering, disease, poverty, environmental problems, human and drug trafficking still generate an aura of uncertainty for the present and future generations. As such, decisions made by states, multinational corporations, non-governmental organizations, and terrorists have a direct impact on our life. Thanks to global flow of information, there may be a multitude of individuals who <i>know</i> the events that are occurring in the world. But some still do not <i>understand</i> why events happened the way they have happened; and what consequences they may bring. In light of this, this course is designed to equip students with a necessary knowledge and skill which enable them to understand the political, economic and social dynamics of the global system, how it works, its actors, its influence and ways to cope up global issues from theoretical and practical point of view.</p>

5. Course Objectives	
Course Objectives	<p>At the end of the course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand nations, nationalism and states • Explain the nature and historical development of international relations • Gain basic knowledge of the major theories in the discipline of International Relations and develop the ability to critically evaluate and apply such theories • Elucidate national interest, foreign policy and diplomacy • Explicate the nature and elements of international political economy and international law • Examine the extent and degree of influence of state and non-state actors in the international system • Examine the roles major international and regional institutions play in world politics • Critically evaluate the major contemporary global issues • Assess the overriding foreign policy guidelines of Ethiopia in the past and present • Explore Ethiopia's role in regional, continental and global institutions and affairs
6. Course Contents	
Chapter One	<p>Chapter One: Understanding International Relations</p> <p>1.1 Conceptualizing Nations, Nationalism and States</p> <p>1.2 Understanding International Relations</p> <p>1.3 The Nature and Evolution of International Relations</p> <p>1.4 Actors of International Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State Actors - Non-State Actors <p>1.5 Levels of Analysis in the International Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Individual Level - The Group Level - The State Level - The System Level <p>1.6 The Structure of International System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uni-polar - Bi-polar - Multi-polar <p>1.7 Theories of International Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Idealism/Liberalism - Realism - Structuralism/Marxism - Constructivism - Critical Theories <p>Summary</p> <p>Self-Check Exercise</p>

Chapter Two	<p>Chapter Two: Understanding Foreign Policy and Diplomacy</p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>2.1 Defining National Interest,</p> <p>2.2 Understanding Foreign Policy and Foreign Policy Behaviors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Defining Foreign Policy - Foreign Policy Objectives - Foreign Policy Behavior: Patterns and Trends - Foreign Policy Dimensions - Instruments of Foreign Policy <p>2.2 Overview of Foreign Policy of Ethiopia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foreign Policy During Tewodros II (1855 - 1868) - Foreign policy during Yohannes IV (1872 - 1889) - Foreign policy during Menelik II (1889 - 1893) - Foreign policy during Haile Silassie (1916 - 1974) - Foreign Policy During the Military Government (1974 - 1991) - The Foreign policy of Ethiopia in the post-1991 <p>Summary</p> <p>Self-Check Exercise</p>
Chapter Three	<p>Chapter Three: The International Political Economy (IPE)</p> <p>3.1 Meaning and Nature of International Political Economy</p> <p>3.2 Theoretical Perspectives of International Political Economy</p> <p>3.3 Survey of the most influential National Political Economy Systems in the world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The American System of Market-oriented capitalism - The Japanese system of developmental capitalism - The German system of social market capitalism - Differences among national political economy systems <p>3.4 Core issues, Governing institutions and governance of international political economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International trade and the WTO - International Investment and the WB - International Finance and the IMF <p>3.5 Exchange Rates and the Exchange Rate System</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>Self-Checking Exercise</p>

Chapter Four	<p>Chapter Four: Globalization and Regionalism</p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>4.1 Defining Globalization</p> <p>4.2 The Globalization Debates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The hyper globalist - The Skeptics - The Transformationalist <p>4.3 Globalization and its impacts on Africa</p> <p>4.4 Ethiopia in a Globalized world</p> <p>4.5 Pros and cons of Globalization</p> <p>4.6 Defining Regionalism and Regional Integration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The old regionalism - New regionalism <p>4.7 Major theories of regional integrations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Functionalism - Neo-Functionalism <p>4.8 Selected Cases of Regional Integration</p> <p>4.9 Regionalization Vs Globalization and State</p> <p>4.10. The relations between regionalization and globalization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regionalization as a component of globalization: convergence - Regionalization as a challenge or response to globalization: Divergence - Regionalization and Globalization as Parallel Processes: Overlap <p>4.11. Regionalization, Globalization and the State</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>Self-check Exercise</p>
Chapter Five	<p>Chapter Five: Major Contemporary Global Issues</p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>5.1 Survey of major contemporary global issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global security issues - Global environmental issues - Global Socio-Economic Issues - Global Cultural issues <p>Summary</p> <p>Self-check Exercise</p>
7. Methods of Instruction	
Methods of Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lectures, - Group discussions, - Debates & Reflections
8. Modes of Assessment	
Mode of Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quiz (10%) - Test (20%) - Assignment and Presentation (20%) - Final Examination (50%) -

9. Reference Books

Recommended
Reading
Materials

- Altinay, Hakan (2011) *Global Civics: Responsibilities and Rights in an Interdependent World*. The Brookings institution: Washington
- Armstrong, David(ed.)(2009). Routledge Handbook of International Law. London: Routledge
- Baylis, J. and Smith, S. (eds.) (1997). *The Globalization of World Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
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- Der, James D. (2009) *Critical Practices in International Theory: Selected Essays*, Routledge, Abingdon, Oxon
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- Genest, Mark A. (1996). *Conflict and Cooperation: Evolving Theories of International Relations*. Fourth Worth: Harcourt Brace and Co.
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- Holsti, K.J. (1995) *International Politics: A Framework for Analysis*. 7th ed. New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

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