**Miyazaki International College**

**Spring 2019**

**Course Syllabus**

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| Course Title (Credits) | | IDS311 Global Leadership in 21st Century (3 credits) | |
| Course Designation for TC | | N/A | |
| Time and Location | | Mondays & Wednesdays 10:45 – 12:15 | |
| **Content Teacher** | | | |
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| **Course Description** | | | |
| Local, national, and global communities face a number of challenges in the 21st Century. Foremost among these are issues related to the natural environment, peace, and human development. In order to address these issues effectively, leadership is necessary in local communities, civil society organizations, workplaces, all levels of government, and in the international community. The purpose of this course is to foster future leaders (informed and engaged citizens) who can help address these issues. Students will learn how to identify and analyze public problems, assess the dynamics of collective action, and write in the public interest. | | | |
| **Course Goals/Objectives** | | | |
| Introduces some major global topics for those becoming a part of global leadership of the 21st century in whichever field of career they might take in the near future. For this purpose, this course examines major issues and concepts in the areas of international development and of international security studies, including colonialism, civil society and NGOs, good governance and democracy, Sustainable Development Goals, international organisations such as the UN and the World Bank, nuclear non-proliferation, and the issues of refugees/immigration.  Students will gain a familiarity with the basic knowledge, concepts, and theories in the areas of international development and international security. In the end of the class, students will be able to critically discuss and analyse key issues and challenges that international society is facing today. Students therefore should accomplish these objectives with a focus on developing their critical thinking and communication skills.  Students’ Communication and Critical Thinking Skill Objectives  1) Students should try to improve the following communication skills this semester:  Write and speak with clarity (communicate without ambiguity or confusion)  Write and speak with precision (communicate in deﬁnite and exact terms)  Write and speak with depth (communicate complex issues effectively)  2) Students should try to improve the following critical thinking skills this semester:  Identify salient information  Determine underlying presumptions or presuppositions  Evaluate conclusions from premises  Avoid fallacies - authority, expertise, straw man, etc.  Ask the right questions to understand a problem  Categorize appropriately  Evaluate the effects of conclusions/judgments on different parties (moral imagination)  Develop a new way to solve an old problem | | | |
| **Course Schedule** | | | |
| **Session #** | **Topic** | | **Content** |
| **1**  Mon,  8 Apr. | Syllabus & Course Introduction  ***Part I International Development***  I-1. The world in development 1) | | - Self-introduction / icebreaking  - Explaining the course structure, class requirements, examinations, etc.  - Students will be familiar with the countries in the world, and learn brief historical, geographical, and cultural backgrounds of each country of the Asian, African, and American continents. |
| **2**  Wed,  10 Apr. | I-1. The world in development 2) | | - Continuation of the Session 1. Students may do a mini-presentation about the country/ies they researched during the class. |
| **3**  Mon,  15 Apr. | I-2. Measuring Development 1) | | - **Africa map quiz ☺**  - Will learn how to measure development  - Indexes including GNP/GDP, HDI, Gini Index are covered |
| **4**  Wed,  17 Apr | I-2. Measuring Development 2) | | - Activities on GNP, HDI, Gini and other Indexes |
| **5**  Mon,  22 Apr. | I-3. Multilateral organisations -1) | | - The Sessions 5 and 6 will cover major multilateral organisations that play crucial roles in international development, e.g. United Nations and specialised agencies, World Bank, IMF, WTO, OECD etc.  - In-class Prep for Mini-presentation |
| **6**  Wed,  24 Apr. | I-3. Multilateral organisations -2) | | - Continuation of the Session 5.  - **Mini-presentation on Multilateral organisations** |
| **7**  Mon,  6 May | Review and quiz | | **Quiz from I-1 to I-3** |
| **8**  Wed,  8 May | I-4. Civil Society and NGOs -1) | | - Significance of bottom-up approach and participatory development concepts  - Roles of Civil Society and the challenges in today’s development |
| **9**  Mon,  13 May | I-4. Civil Society and NGOs -2) | | - What is non-government organisations (NGOs)? Workshop will be done to identify: major international NGOs and their functions, their challenges, relations with the UN and other international organisations  - In-class preparation for Mini-presentation |
| **10**  Wed,  15 May | I-4. Civil Society and NGOs -3) | | - **Mini presentation** on NGOs |
| **11**  Mon,  20 May | I-4. Civil Society and NGOs -4) | | - Film: "Dukale's dream" and in-class reaction paper |
| **12**  Wed,  22 May | I-5. Foreign Aid -1) | | - Foreign aid plays an important role in development; however, there are a number of challenges and problems. This session will identify major functions and characteristics of foreign aid and some important challenges, such as tied aid and structural adjustment |
| **13**  Mon,  27 May | I-5. Foreign Aid -2) | | - Foreign aid: Japan’s case. This session will examine the basic functions and roles of the Japanese foreign aid. |
| **14**  Wed,  29 May | I-5. Foreign Aid -3) | | - As a part of foreign aid, emergency humanitarian assistance plays an important role in world’s disasters such as earthquake and typhoon. This session provides basic knowledge of how disaster relief is being coordinated  - Group discussion |
| **15**  Mon,  3 Jun | I-8. MDS and SDG -1) | | - Millennium Development Goals were set in the United Nations in 2000 and the MDG goals and tasks have been expanded to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The session will identify what the goals are and discuss how these goals are expected to be met? |
| **16**  Wed,  5 Jun | I-8. MDS and SDG -2) | | - Continuation of Session 17 with workshop  - Group discussion |
| **17**  Mon,  10 Jun | ***Part II International Security***  II-1. What is security? | | - As part II of this course, basic concepts of international security are introduced. This Session will discuss what “security” is. |
| **18**  Wed,  12 Jun | II-2. Nuclear weapons proliferation -1) | | - Nuclear weapons play crucial roles in international security. This Session will identify the current situations surrounding nuclear weapons and the issues of proliferation and non-proliferation.  - Group discussion |
| **19**  **Sat.**  **15 Jun** | II-2. Nuclear weapons proliferation -2) | | - Continuation of Session 20.  - Group discussion |
| **20**  Mon,  17 Jun  **(to be substituted)** | (Follow-up) I-5. Foreign Aid -4) | | - Film: "Poverty, Inc."; In-class preparation for reaction paper |
| **21**  Wed,  19 Jun  **(to be substituted)** | Review and quiz | | **Review and quiz** on I-4 and I-5, and II-2. |
| **22**  Mon  24 Jun | II-3. Disarmament, arms control, and arms trade -1) | | - This Session will discuss conventional weapons and the issues of disarmament, arms control, and arms trade. It will also introduce key control regimes for Chemical and Biological weapons. |
| **23**  Wed,  26 Jun | II-3. Disarmament, arms control, and arms trade -2) | | - Continuation of Session 22  - Group discussion |
| **24**  Mon,  1 Jul | II-3. Disarmament, arms control, and arms trade -3) | | - Continuation of Session 22  - Group discussion |
| **25**  Wed,  3 Jul | II-4. New technology and security -1) | | - Rapid advancement of high-technology has drastically changed the security environment. This Session will introduce some of such technology (e.g. drones, AI, robots) and explain how they have affected international security. |
| **26**  Mon,  8 Jul | II-4. New technology and security -2) | | - Continuation of Session 25 |
| **27**  Wed,  10 Jul | II-5. Non-traditional security -1) | | - This Session will identify some major issues in non-traditional security, including terrorism, refugees/immigration, human trafficking, and narcotics. |
| **28**  Wed,  17 Jul | II-5. Non-traditional security -2) | | - Continuation of Session 27  - Group discussion |
| **29**  Mon,  22 Jul | II-6. Environmental security 1) | | - Environmental hazard is now considered to be one of the urgent topics to be discussed in international security. This Session will identify major issues and how they have affected security. |
| **30**  Wed,  24 Jul | II-6. Environmental security 2) | | - Continuation of Session 29  - Group discussion |
| EXAM  WEEK  Mon,  29 Mon | Final Exam | | **Final Exam** |
| **Required Materials** | | | |
| Students will not be required to purchase a specific textbook. We will work from a number of handouts to be distributed during the class. | | | |
| **Course Policies (Attendance, etc.)** | | | |
| Attendance: Attendance is mandatory. Students with ﬁve unexcused absences risk failing the course and will be asked to withdraw. Excusing absences is the prerogative of the instructor. Students must notify the instructor of their absences before the start of class and provide college-approved documentation. Attendance is not part of the grade for this class. Participation is part of the grade, and students must attend class to participate.  Assignment Deadlines: Students must turn in assignments on the due date. Students with an ‘excused absence’ on the due date should submit assignments on the due date via email unless granted an extension by the instructor. All late submissions of assignments that are not approved by the instructor will be penalized by minus 5% per day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays).  Academic Integrity: MIC’s Academic Honesty policy prohibits cheating, fabrication, and plagiarism. The Bulletin and Handbook of Student Information explains this policy. Students should understand it and ask the instructor if they have any questions. Violating the Academic Honesty can result in losing all credit (0%) for an assignment, being asked to withdraw from the course, or other appropriate actions. | | | |
| **Student Preparation & Review Time** | | | |
| Students are expected to spend at least one hour preparing for every hour of lesson and one hour reviewing and doing homework. Therefore, because we meet for 90 minutes per week, you should be doing at least 180 minutes preparing and reviewing each week. In principle, graded work will be returned within one week of submission with appropriate feedback, i.e., grade, comments, etc. | | | |
| **Grades and Grading** | | | |
| 20% Participation in discussions  10% Mini-presentations  50% Quizzes  20% Final examination  The grading system at MIC is as follows:   * A (Excellent) 90-100% * B (Above average) 80-89% * C (Average) 70-79% * D (Below average) 60-69% * F (Fail) 59% or less | | | |
| **Methods of Feedback** | | | |
| In principle, graded work will be returned within one week of submission with appropriate feedback i.e., grade, comment, rubric, etc. | | | |
| **Diploma Policy Standards Satisfied by Course Objectives** | | | |
| Work completed in this course helps students achieve the following Diploma Policy objective(s):  1. Advanced thinking skills (comparison, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation) based on critical thinking (critical and analytic thought)  2. The ability to understand and accept different cultures developed through acquisition of a broad knowledge and comparison of the cultures of Japan and other nations  3. The ability to identify and solve problems  4. Advanced communicative proficiency in both Japanese and English  5. Proficiency in the use of information technology | | | |

