COURSE TITLE: International Organization and Politics

COURSE NUMBER: POL 321

I. RATIONALE:

The course provides the student with a basic framework leading to an understanding of how cooperation and conflict evolve in the international environment fostering an awareness of the roles of the U.S. government and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the environment. The understanding should lead to a greater appreciation of world affairs on contemporary society.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

GOAL A The student will develop an understanding of the basic theoretical framework for studying international relations.

Learning Objectives: The student will:

A-1 Explain Realist theory
A-2 Explain Liberal and Social theories
A-3 Explain Peace studies
A-4 Explain Gender theories

GOAL B The student will articulate the Levels of Analysis framework for categorizing the influences affecting international relations

Learning Objectives: The student will discuss these influences at the:

B-1 Individual level
B-2 Domestic level
B-3 Interstate level
B-4 Global level
GOAL C  The student will define the role of the following groups on the international environment:

Learning Objectives: The student will describe the impact of:

  C-1 National governments
  C-2 Intergovernmental organizations (UN, NATO, etc.)
  C-3 Nongovernmental organizations (NGO)
  C-4 Multinational corporations
  C-5 Superpower nations

GOAL D  The student will explore the making of foreign policy

Learning Objectives: The student will:

  D-1 Explain the models for decision making
  D-2 Explore domestic influences such as interest groups and legislatures on foreign policy decisions
  D-3 Describe the role of international conflict, military force and terrorism on foreign policy decisions
  D-4 Explain the role of international law on foreign policy development
  D-5 Describe the history of imperialism and colonialism on foreign policy development

GOAL E  The student will understand the impact of globalization on foreign policy development

Learning Objectives: The student will explore the impact of the following:

  E-1 International trade
  E-2 Global finance including currencies, debt, investment and foreign
  E-3 Supernational organizations (European Union, African Union)
  E-4 Technology including telecommunications and the worldwide web
  E-5 Environmental policies

GOAL F  The student will use appropriate written and oral communication skills

Learning Objectives: The student will:

  F-1 Communicate information orally in a logical and grammatically correct manner
  F-2 Present written information using standard APA style
  F-3 Write clearly, concisely, and appropriately using correct English grammar, punctuation, usage, mechanics sentence structure, and vocabulary