

# POLI 238 : International Relations

This course gives coverage of all aspects of the relations between countries, including political, military, diplomatic, and economic relations. In this course, you will be introduced to the major approaches to the study of International Relations and study topics such as the causes of war, the determinants of economic relations between countries, and the role of international institutions such as the United Nations and the International Monetary Fund.

**Credits** 3

## **Course Outcomes**

After successfully completing the course, the learner will be able to:

- Define, understand, and use concepts and terms relevant to the study of contemporary international relations.
- Apply a body of factual knowledge directly relevant to understanding causes and effects of international conflict and cooperation among nation-states.
- Analyze empirical evidence relevant to evaluating different points of view on historical and contemporary problems in world politics.
- Analyze alternative explanations for patterns of conflict and cooperation among nation-states.
- Apply alternative explanations for different levels of conflict and cooperation among states with different political systems.
- Interpret and analyze factors influencing contemporary political relations between nation-states.

## **Competency**

Behavioral and Social Understanding