

Political Science 160
Introduction to World Politics
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This course introduces students to the study of international politics. Students will acquire analytical tools for understanding various events and patterns in international relations. The course is divided into four parts: 1) Concepts and Theories of International Relations; 2) War and Security; 3) The Global Economy; and 4) Emerging Issues. The primary readings for the course are from a variety of journals as well as the occasional book chapter. The readings will appear on the course CTools site as pdf files.

Administrative Guidelines

Your section leader and I expect you to attend all of the lectures and all of the meetings of your discussion section. The lectures will present material beyond that presented in the readings and vice versa. Students are also expected to submit their papers by the due dates and take the examinations at the scheduled times. Late papers will suffer a reduction of one full letter grade for each day late. Alternate times for the midterm and final examinations are only possible for students who can demonstrate that taking the exam at the scheduled time would impose a serious hardship on them. Students who cannot take examinations at the scheduled times for medical reasons must produce a valid medical excuse.

All administrative matters will be handled first by your section leader, then by Mr. Isaac Jenkins, the administrator for the course. These matters include drop/adds, section changes, make-up exams, and grading concerns.

There is a strict limit of 25 students in each discussion section and 20 in the honors section. All overrides must be approved and signed by the administrator. He will be available immediately after the first three lecture classes to address administrative issues.

Course Requirements and Grading

You will have two in-class examinations and a two-hour cumulative final examination. In your sections, you will participate in a diplomatic simulation with multiple graded activities and assignments. The assignments will have the following weights in the calculation of final grades for the course:

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Date</u>
Midterm I	20%	February 3
Midterm II	20%	March 19
Final Examination	20%	April 30 from 4 pm to 6 pm.

Section

40%

Your section leader and I will meet regularly to insure consistency of grading across the sections. We collect bluebooks in advance of the examinations and redistribute them the day of the exams. You will need to provide two bluebooks for each of the three exams, and we will announce when we will begin collecting them.

Those students who have been approved by the Office of Student Services for special considerations in taking examinations should bring that paperwork to Mr. Jenkins as soon as possible so we can make arrangements to accommodate your needs. Any complaints or concerns about the grading of an assignment must be made in writing. You should submit your concerns first to the leader of your discussion section. In the event that the disagreement cannot be resolved, you may request that the administrative assistant have your assignment regraded by another reader. Keep in mind that grades may change downward as well as upward.

Intellectual Honesty

Apologies for sounding unduly harsh, but the following are the ground rules in this course regarding intellectual property issues. All work submitted in section is to be your own unless clearly specified in writing by your section leader. You must acknowledge any material you copy, paraphrase, or use in some other way in your writing assignments using appropriate citations. If your section leader and I conclude you have plagiarized the work of others you will fail the course and I will notify Dean Esrold Nurse who will determine if any further administrative action is appropriate.

All examinations are closed book; however, you may bring with you one half of an 8½"x11" letter sized manila folder on which you may write whatever notes you care to when taking each of the exams. For the final exam, you may use an entire folder. You must handwrite these notes. You should bring several pens **and** pencils to the exams. You may write the essay question answers in pencil, but if you do so, you forfeit your right to contest your grade. Bring only your manila folder, bluebooks, and several pens and pencils to the examinations.

Beginning in the second month of the semester, you will spend one section day each week working on the diplomatic simulation. We will provide several handouts as we begin to gear up for the simulation over the first few weeks of the semester.

Outline of Lecture Topics and Required Readings

SECTION I: CONCEPTS AND THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

January 8: Lecture 1. America's place in the world and the puzzles to be explained

- Chris Wright, "What Chimps Can Tell Us about War with Iraq," *The Providence Phoenix*, July 16, 2003 (2 pages).
- Kenneth N. Waltz, *Man, The State, and War* (New York, 1954), ch. 1.
- Stephen M. Walt, "International Relations: One World, Many Theories," *Foreign Policy*; Spring 1998, pp. 30-44.
- Jack Snyder, "One World Rival Theories," *Foreign Policy*; November/December 2004, pp. 53-62.

January 13: Lecture 2. Normative Theories of IR: Realism

- Thomas Hobbes, "The State of Nature and the State of War," in Richard K. Betts, ed., *Conflict after the Cold War: Arguments on the Causes of War and Peace* (New York: Longman Press, 2002), pp. 47-50.
- Kenneth Waltz, "Political Structures" and "Anarchic Orders and Balances of Power," in Karen Mingst and Jack Snyder, eds., *Essential Readings in World Politics* (New York: Norton, 2001), pp. 70-90.
- John J. Mearsheimer, "Anarchy and the Struggle for Power," in *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* (New York: W.W. Norton, 2001), pp. 29- 54.
- Thucydides, "The Melian Dialogue," in Richard K. Betts, ed., *Conflict after the Cold War: Arguments on the Causes of War and Peace* (New York: Longman Press, 2002), pp. 37-41.

January 15: Lecture 3. Normative Theories of IR: Liberalism (Institutions)

- Immanuel Kant, "Perpetual Peace," in Richard K. Betts, ed., *Conflict after the Cold War: Arguments on the Causes of War and Peace* (New York: Longman Press, 2002), pp. 103-109.
- John Mearsheimer "The False Promise of International Institutions," *International Security*, vol. 19, no. 3 (Winter 1994/95), Read p. 5 to top of p. 9, middle of p.13 to bottom of p. 21, and pp. 47-49.
- Robert Keohane and Lisa Martin, "The Promise of Institutional Theory," *International Security*, vol. 20, no. 1 (Summer 1995), pp. 39-51.

January 22: Lecture 4. Normative Theories of IR: Constructivism

- Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy is What States Make of It," in Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis eds., *International Politics* (New York: Addison Wesley, 2003), pp. 73-80.
- Margaret Mead, "Warfare is Only an Invention, Not a Biological Necessity," in Richard K.

Betts, ed., *Conflict after the Cold War: Arguments on the Causes of War and Peace* (New York: Longman Press, 2002), pp. 165-169.

- Michael Luo, “Excuse Me. May I Have Your Seat?” *New York Times*, September 14, 2004.
- Nina Tannenwald, “Stigmatizing the Bomb,” *International Security* (Spring 2005), read p. 5 to bottom of p. 27, p. 33 to mid 36, and p. 42 to top of p. 45.

SECTION II: WAR AND SECURITY

January 27: Lecture 5. International Security Mega Trends: Violence and System Theories

Trends in Violence and Warfare (think of trends in global warming)

- Stephen Pincker
- J. Goldstein, “Think Again: War” *Foreign Policy*
- Bear Braumoeller. Is War Disappearing. Read pages 23-25, skim the rest.

System Structure & War

- John J. Mearsheimer, “Structural Realism,” pages 78-86.
- Robert Gilpin, *War and Change in World Politics*, (Summary outline).

January 29: Lecture 6. International Security Decision Making: Cuban Missile Crisis

- Graham T. Allison and Philip Zelikow, *Essence of Decision*, 2nd ed. (Addison-Wesley) Second Cut
- Scott Plous, *The Psychology of Judgment and Decision Making* (McGraw- Hill), chaps. 10-16

Feb 3: Midterm I

February 5: Lecture 7. Duverger’s Law, The Median Voter, Veto Players, and Selectorate Theory

- Benoit Duverger’s Law pgs. 69-73
- Congleton The Median Voter Model Sections I-IV.
- Tsebelis Veto Players Read Introduction
- Kennedy Survival and Accountability read pgs. 1-7.

February 10: Lecture 8. Rationalist Explanations of War and Psychological Traps

The Bargaining Model of War

- D. Reiter, Exploring the Bargaining Model of War,” *Perspectives on Politics*, Mar., 2003), Read pp. 28-32 and review notes.

- Barbara F. Walter, “Bargaining Failures and Civil War,” *Ann. Rev. Pol. Sci.* 2009, pp. 245-52. The Security Dilemma and the Offense-Defense Balance
- R. Jervis, “Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma,” pgs. 167-170; 186-214.

February 12: Lecture 9. Domestic Institutions and War: Effects of Democracy

- Bruce Russett, “The Fact of the Democratic Peace,” in Bruce Russett, *Grasping the Democratic Peace*. Princeton University Press, Chapter 1, pp. 3-23.
- Ivo Daalder and James Lindsay, “Democracies of the World, Unite,” *The American Interest* (Jan/Feb 2007)

February 17: Lecture 10. Ethnic and Civil Wars

- Steven R. David, “On Civil War.”
- Barbara F. Walter, “Bargaining Failures and Civil War,” *Ann. Rev. Pol. Sci.* 2009, pp. 252-59.

SECTION III: MANAGING THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

February 19: Lecture 11. International Law: Managing Interactions between and among states

- Sarah Elizabeth Kreps and Anthony Clark Arend. “Why States Follow the Rules: Toward a Positional Theory of Adherence to International Legal Regimes.” *Duke Journal of Comparative & International Law* 16 (2006): 331. Read 331-345
- Martha Finnemore, “Constructing Norms of Humanitarian Intervention,” in Richard K. Betts, ed., *Conflict after the Cold War: Arguments on the Causes of War and Peace* (New York: Longman Press, 2002), pp. 191-205.
- Henry Kissinger, “The Pitfalls of Universal Jurisdiction.”
- Kenneth Roth, “The Case for Universal Jurisdiction,” both in Karen Mingst and Jack Snyder, eds., *Essential Readings in World Politics* 2nd ed. (New York: Norton, 2004).

February 24: Lecture 12. International Trade I: Why Care About Free Trade

- Douglas Irwin, *Free Trade Under Fire* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2002), Excerpt.
- Robert Gilpin, *The Challenge of Global Capitalism* Chapter 1.
- Barry Eichengreen. Review of Gilpin.

February 26: Lecture 13. International Trade II: Effects of Free Trade Regimes

- Keohane and Nye, “Globalization: What’s New? What’s Not? (And So What?)” *Foreign Policy*, Spring 2002, pp. 104-119.
- Mattoo, Aaditya, Arvind Subramanian. 2009. “From Doha to the Next Bretton Woods: A New Multilateral Trade Agenda.” *Foreign Affairs* 88(1):15-26.

March 3 and 5: No Class Spring Break

March 10: Lecture 14. International Finance: History of Money

- Francois Velde. Lessons From the History of Money. 1998. Economic Perspectives, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 22, 2-16.

March 12: Lecture 15. International Finance: Exchange Rates and FDI

- Eichengreen and Temin. "Fetters of Gold and Paper." 2010.
- Liaquat Ahamed, "Currency Wars, Then and Now," *Foreign Affairs*, (Mar/Apr 2011), p. 92-103.
- Barry Eichengreen. The World Economy After the Global Crisis. Introduction.

March 14: Lecture 16. Failed States

- Robert Rotberg. Failed States, Collapsed States, Weak States.

March 17: Lecture 17. Economic Development

- Jeffrey Sachs, *The End of Poverty*, Excerpts.
- Howard French. "The Not So Great Professor."
- Jared Diamond, "What Makes Countries Rich or Poor?" *New York Review of Books*
- Richard Gardner, "The One Percent Solution," *Foreign Affairs* (9 pp.)
- Nicholas Kristof, "Aid: Can it Work?" *The New York Review of Books*, vol. 53, no. 15 (October 5, 2006).

March 19: Midterm II

SECTION IV: THE GREAT POLICY CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE

March 24: Lecture 18. A World of Regions: The Challenge of European Unity

- Anthony Smith. National identity and the idea of European unity. *International Affairs*. Vol 68, No 1. (Jan 1992), pp. 55-76.

March 26: Lecture 19. The Nuclear Revolution I: The Science of Nuclear Weapons

- Federation of American Scientists. Technical Aspects of Nuclear Proliferation.
- Global Security. WMD Primer. Pgs. 9-16.

March 31: Lecture 20. The Nuclear Revolution II: Proliferation and Defense

- Gregg Easterbrook, “The Atomic Club: If the Bomb Is So Easy to Make, Why Don't More Nations Have It?” *New York Times*, January 4, 2004.
- Arms Control Association, *Major Proposals to Strengthen the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty* (2010), pp. 1-11.
- Kenneth Waltz, “Why Iran Should Get the Bomb,” *Foreign Affairs*.
- Graham Allison, “The Cuban Missile Crisis at 50.” *Foreign Affairs*.

April 2: Lecture 21. The Science of Climate Change

- Paul Loubere, “The Global Climate System,” Nature Education.
- Curt Stager, “What Happens AFTER Global Warming?” Nature Education.
- Alison Stevens, “Factors Affecting Global Climate.” Nature Education.
- Stefen Rahmstorf, “Modeling Sea Level Rise.” Nature Education.
- Anders Carlson, “Ice Sheets and Sea Level in Earth’s Past.” Nature Education.
- Mike Hulme, *Why We Disagree About Climate Change*. Cambridge University Press. (Excerpt)

April 7: Lecture 22. The Politics of Climate Change and the Environment

- Garrett Hardin, “The Tragedy of the Commons,” in Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis eds., *International Politics* (New York: Addison Wesley, 2003), pp. 511-516.
- Barry Schwartz, “Tyranny for the Commons Man,” *National Interest* July/August, 2009
- Julian L. Simon, *The Ultimate Resource*. Princeton University Press. Pgs. 16-28.
- Cass Sunstein. “Montreal vs. Kyoto: A Tale of Two Protocols.” Chicago. Pgs 2-28.

April 9: Lecture 23. Genocide, Mass Human Rights Violations, and R2P

- Christian Davenport and Allan Stam. *What Really Happened in Rwanda*. Miller-McCune. 2009.
- Samantha Power, “Bystanders to Genocide,” *Atlantic Monthly*, Sept. 2001
- Jon Western and Joshua Goldstein, “Humanitarian Intervention Comes of Age.”
- Ben Valentino, “The True Costs of Humanitarian Intervention,” in *Foreign Affairs* Nov/Dec. 2011, pp. 48-73.
- David Chandler. “R2P? Imposing the Liberal Peace. Skim.

April 14: Lecture 24. Terrorism

- Mark Juergensmeyer, “Terror in the Name of God,” *Current History* (November 2001), pp. 357-361.
- Martha Crenshaw, “Why America? The Globalization of Civil War,” *Current History* (December 2001), pp. 425-432.

- Alan B. Krueger and Jitka Maleckova, “Does Poverty Cause Terrorism?” *The New Republic*, June 24, 2002, pp. 27-33.
- Robert Pape, “It’s the Occupation, Stupid.” *Foreign Policy*, October 8, 2010
- John Mueller, “Terrorphobia: Our False Sense of Insecurity,” *American Interest*, May/June 2008, pp. 6—13

April 16: Lecture 25. Forecasting: Mega Trends 2030: 7 Great Challenges

- National Intelligence Council, *Global Trends 2030*. Pgs. 6-37.

April 21: Lecture 26. US Grand Strategy: Time For a Choice

- Barry Posen, “The Case for Restraint,” *The American Interest*
- Niall Ferguson, “The Case For Restraint,” response to Posen. *The American Interest*
- Walter Russell Mead, “The Tea Party and American Foreign Policy,” *Foreign Affairs*.

April 30: Final Examination, 4pm-6 pm.