

Office Hours: T, Th 11:30-12:30; 3:30-5:30

Required Book:

Charles W. Kegley, Jr. and Eugene R. Wittkopf, World Politics: Trend and Transformation
(Tenth Edition)

Grading System: There will be three one-hour exams each counting 1/3 of your final grade. These exams will be a combination of essays and short answers. Students should know the material from both the lectures and the reading assignments.

Absence Policy: Regular class attendance is necessary in order to pass this course. Any student missing class more than 5 times will be dropped from the course for excessive absences. All excuses are considered the same.

Lectures:

- 1 Introduction
- 2 The Nature of the Contemporary International System
- 3 The Actors in the International System

1st Exam: This exam will cover lectures 1-3 and Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 in the textbook.

- 4 Decision Making in International Politics
- 5 Power in World Politics

2nd Exam: This exam will cover lectures 4 and 5 and Chapters 3, 11, 12, 13, in the textbook.

- 6 International Law
- 7 International Organization
- 8 War and Its Causes

3rd Exam: This exam will cover lectures 6-8 and Chapters 7, 8, 10, 14 in the textbook

Learning Outcomes:

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to contemporary international relations. This requires an appreciation of the increasing interdependence of the international system. Students will be expected to describe and explain various global issues such as nuclear proliferation, world poverty, pollution, and power rivalries from an analytical framework that emphasizes global interdependence and a non-ethnocentric perspective.