

University of West Georgia
Fall 2008
POLS 3501 – Section 1
International Relations
Meets: MWF 11:00 – 11:50 am, Pafford 107

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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 conflict, cooperation, nuclear proliferation, terrorism, and globalization from an analytical framework that emphasizes global interdependence and a non-ethnocentric perspective.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Attendance: You cannot participate, contribute, and learn if you are not in class. Therefore, attendance is a requirement and students are allowed 4 absences ONLY. **Students who miss more than 4 lectures will incur a penalty worth 10% of their Final Grade.** Please be aware that I make no distinction between excused and unexcused absences.

Participation: The structure of weekly class sessions will include a mixture of lectures, discussions, small group activities, and in-class debates. So please come to class prepared and ready to participate in whatever activities are planned for the session. **Class participation will be worth 25% of the Final Grade.** Participation entails writing 10 (ten) 2-page article summaries, attending class, joining in-class debates, and being prepared with questions and comments about the material. The two-page summaries are due every Monday.

Exams: There will be two exams during the semester, **each worth 20% of the Final Grade.**

No.	Exams	Exam Date
1	Midterm	Friday, February 29
2	Final	Friday, May 2

Make up Exams: All make-up exams will be in the format of three essay questions. To receive full credit on a make-up exam ALL students must provide written documentation of the illness or emergency that precluded their attendance on the exam date. Anyone unable to provide written documentation will receive half credit.

Research Paper: You are required to write a research paper for this course. **The research paper is worth 40% of the Final Grade.** To ease anxiety over completion of this requirement, it is divided into steps.

No.	Research Paper Steps	Due Date
1	Research Question Proposal	Monday, February 6
2	Literature Review	Wednesday, March 5
3	First Draft	Wednesday, April 2
4	Final Draft	Wednesday, April 30

Grade Calculation – Grades will be calculated as follows:

No.	Requirement	% Grade Value
1	Research Question Proposal	5
2	Literature Review	5
3	In-class Participation	5
6	First Draft	10
7	Final Draft	15
4	Summaries	20
5	Exam 1	20
8	Final Exam	20

Please note that **NO curves** or adjustment of scores will be made. Extra credit will be awarded for attendance to special events such as lectures, films, community events, etc.

Additional information about the exams, reading summaries, literature review, and other coursework will be discussed as the semester progresses.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

There are no required texts for this course. Instead all reading materials are available online.

E-MAIL COMMUNICATION:

The only official method of communication via e-mail is through your campus e-mail account (MyUWG). Please do not send me email from other email clients (e.g. hotmail, yahoo, etc) because I will not answer email messages not communicated through MyUWG.

CLASSROOM POLICIES:

1. Please turn off cell phones during class.
2. Please arrive on time.
3. Please do not read newspapers, sleep, or work on material for other courses during class. Students may use laptops to take notes **ONLY**. Web surfing, game playing, online newspaper reading, or any other “multi-tasking” will be penalized.
4. Since we will deal with controversial issues on a regular basis, it is vital to the success of this class to maintain an atmosphere of mutual respect and civility. Thus, personal attacks will not be tolerated.

PLAGIARISM AND ACADEMIC HONESTY:

All assignments for this course must be your own original work. Research sources must be properly cited and acknowledged. The University of West Georgia has a Code of Academic Honor that will be followed in this course. Suspected violations of the Code will be subject to disciplinary action according to the University policy.

WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULE:

- Jan. 9 – 11: Introduction to the class and each other
- Jan. 14 – 18: Van Evera, Stephen. 1997. "Hypotheses, Laws, and Theories: A User's Guide." In *Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, pp. 7-27.
- Jan. 21 – 25: **Classical Realism**
Thucydides. "The Melian Dialogue." In *History of the Peloponnesian War*.
Hobbes, Thomas. "Of the Natural Condition of Mankind as Concerning Their Felicity and Misery." In *Leviathan*.
Machiavelli, Niccollo. Chapters XIV, XV, and XXIII. In *The Prince*.
Carr, E. H. 1937. *The Twenty Year Crisis*. Chapters 4 and 5.
Morgenthau, Hans J. 1967. "Six Principles of Realism." In *Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, pp.4-15.
- Jan. 28 – Feb. 1: **Neorealism... and its critics**
Waltz, Kenneth N... 1979. *Theory of International Politics*. Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, pp. 79-128.
Jervis, Robert. 1978. "Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma." *World Politics* 30(2): 167-214.
Walt, Stephen M. 1985. "Alliance Formation and the Balance of World Power." *International Security* 9(4):3-43.
Mearsheimer, John J. 2001. "Anarchy and the Struggle for Power". In *The Tragedy of Power Politics*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, pp: 29-54.
Waltz, Kenneth N. 2000. "Structural Realism after the Cold War." *International Security* 25(1): 5-41.
Wendt, Alexander. 1992. "Anarchy is What States Make of It: The Social Construction of Power Politics." *International Organization* 46(2): 391-425.
Friedberg, Aaron. 2005. "The Future of U.S.-China Relations: Is Conflict Inevitable." *International Security* 30(2): 7-45.
- Feb. 4 – 8: **Democratic Peace Theory... and its Critics**
Doyle, Michael W. 1983. "Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs." *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 12(3): 205-235
Doyle, Michael W. 1986. 'Liberalism and World Politics.' *American Political Science Review* 80(4): 1151-1169.
O'Neal, John R. and Bruce Russett. 1999. "The Kantian Peace: The Pacific Benefits of Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations." *World Politics* 52(1): 1-37.
Hendrickson, David and Robert W. Tucker. 2005. "The Freedom Crusade." *The National Interest* (Fall 2005): 12-21.
Gelb, Leslie, et al. 2005. The Freedom Crusade Revisited." *The National Interest* (Winter 2005): 9-12+15-17.
Monday, February 4, 2008, Research Question Proposal Due
- Feb. 11 – 15: **Neoliberalism (Regimes and Institutions)**
Keohane, Robert O. 1984. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. New York: Princeton Univ. Press, pp: 31-64.
Keohane, Robert O. 1998. "International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?" *Foreign Policy* 110: 82-96+194.

Keohane, Robert O. and Joseph S. Nye, Jr. 2001. *Power and Interdependence* (Third Edition). New York: Longman, Chap. 1-3.
Glennon, Michael J. 2003. "Why the Security Council Failed." *Foreign Affairs* 82(3):16-35.
Luck, Edward C., et al. 2003. "Stayin' Alive: The Rumors of the UN's Death Have Been Exaggerated." *Foreign Affairs* 82(4): 201-205.

Feb. 18 – 22:

Foreign Policy

Allison, Graham T. 1969. "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis." *American Political Science Review* 63(3): 689-718.
Putnam, Robert. 1988. "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games." *International Organization* 42(3): 427-61.
Byman, Daniel L., and Kenneth M. Pollack. 2001. "Let Us Now Praise Great Men: Bringing the Statesman Back In." *International Security* 25(4): 107-146.
"X." 1947. "The Sources of Soviet conduct," *Foreign Affairs* 25: 575-576.

Feb. 25 – 29:

Midterm Review

Friday, February 29, 2008 – EXAM 1 Due

Mar. 3 – 7:

Problems in International Relations

Conflict (Inter and Intra State)

Kaufmann, Chaim. 1996. "Possible and Impossible Solutions to Civil War." *International Security* 20(4): 136-175.
Levy, Jack S. 1998. "The Causes of War and the Conditions of Peace." *Annual Review of Political Science* 1(1): 139-165.
Van Evera, Stephen and Daniel Byman. 1998. "Why They Fight: Hypotheses on the Causes of Contemporary Deadly Conflict." *Security Studies* 7(3): 1-50.
Jervis, Robert. 2002. "Theories of War in an Era of Leading-Power Peace." *American Political Science Review* 96(1): 1-14.

Monday, March 3 – last day to withdraw with grade of W

Friday, March 7 – Annotated Bibliography Due

Mar. 10 – 14:

Terrorism

Hoffman, Bruce. 2006. *Inside Terrorism*. New York: Columbia University Press, pp. 1-41.
Pape, Robert A. 2003. "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism." *American Political Science Review* 97(3): 343-361.
Film: The Battle of Algiers. 1966.

Mar. 17 – 21:

Mar. 15-22 Spring recess (no classes)

Mar. 24 – 28:

Nuclear Proliferation

Waltz, Kenneth N. 1990. "Nuclear Myths and Political Realities" *American Political Science Review* 84(3): 731-745.
Sagan, Scott. 1996. "Why do States Build Nuclear Weapons? Three Models in Search of a bomb." *International Security* 21(3): 54–86.
Glaser, Charles L. and Steve Fetter. 2001. "National Missile Defense and the Future of U.S. Nuclear Weapons Policy." *International Security* 26(1): 40-92.
Perkovich, George. 2003. "Bush's Nuclear Revolution." *Foreign Affairs* 82(2): 2-8.
Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) Treaty.
Film: Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb. 1967.

- Mar. 31 – Apr. 4: **Energy Security**
 Deutch, Philip. 2005. “Think Again: Energy Independence.” *Foreign Policy* 151: 20-25.
 Yergin, Daniel. 2006. “Ensuring Energy Security.” *Foreign Affairs* 85(2): 69-82.
 Friedman, Thomas. 2006. “The First Law of Petropolitics.” *Foreign Policy* 154: 28-36.
 Zweig, David and Bi Jianhai. 2005. “China's Global Hunt for Energy.” *Foreign Affairs* 84(5): 25-38.
 Dickey, Christopher. 2006. “The Oil Shield.” *Foreign Policy* 154: 37-39.
 Wirth, Timothy E., C. Boyden Gray, and John D. Podesta. 2003. “The Future of Energy Policy.” *Foreign Affairs* 82(4): 132-155.
Friday, April 4 – First Draft Due
- Apr. 7 – 11: **Environment and Sustainability**
 Browne, John. 2004. "Beyond Kyoto." *Foreign Affairs* 83(4): 20-32.
 Homer-Dixon, Thomas F. 1991. On the Threshold: Environmental Changes as Causes of Acute Conflict.” *International Security* 16(2): 76-116.
 Film: An Inconvenient Truth
- Apr. 14 – 18: **International Political Economy (IPE)**
 Keohane, Robert O. 1984. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. New York: Princeton Univ. Press, Chap. 1-3, and 6.
 Gilpin, Robert. 2001. “Chapter Four: The Study of International Political Economy,” in *Global Political Economy: Understanding the International Economic Order*. Princeton University Press: pp. 77-102.
 Krugman, Paul R. 1994. “Competitiveness: A Dangerous Obsession.” *Foreign Affairs* 73(2): 28-44.
 Film: Commanding Heights: The Battle for the World Economy.
- Apr. 21 – 25: **Globalization and its Critics**
 Rodrik, Dani. 1997. “Sense and Nonsense in the Globalization Debate.” *Foreign Policy* 107: 19-37.
 Waltz, Kenneth N. 1999. “Globalization and Governance.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 32(4): 693-700.
 Keohane, Robert O. and Joseph S. Nye, Jr. 2000. “Globalization: What's New? What's Not? (And So What?)” *Foreign Policy* 118: 104-119.
 Harvesting Poverty. *New York Times*.
 Film: Commanding Heights: The Battle for the World Economy.
- Apr. 28 – May 2: Final Review and Overview
Wednesday, April 30, 2008: – Last day of MWF classes
 – Final Draft Due
- FINAL EXAM:** **Friday, May 2, 2008 –Due between 11 am-1 pm**

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