

University of West Georgia
International Relations
POLS 3501 – Summer 2007
Meets: MTWRF 12:30 pm - 02:45 pm, Pafford 112

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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. Given the short nature of a summer course, attendance is a requirement and students are allowed 4 absences ONLY. **Students who miss more than 4 lectures will earn a failing grade (“F”).** 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 40% of the Final Grade.** Participation entails writing 8 (eight) 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 at the beginning of class.

Exams: There will be three exams during the semester, **each worth 30% of the Final Grade.**

Monday, July 9, 2007	EXAM 1
Monday, July 16, 2007	EXAM 2
Thursday, July 26, 2007	FINAL EXAM

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 for the make-up exam.

Grade Calculation – Grades will be calculated as follows:

Requirement	% Grade Value
Participation	40
Exam 1	20
Exam 2	20
Final Exam	20
Total	100

Grading Scale - The grading scale will be as follows:

Points	Grade
90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
00 – 59	F

Please note that **NO curves** or adjustment of scores will be made. Extra credit will not be awarded. 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 class. Instead, I have posted all reading materials 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.

CLASS SCHEDULE:

- Friday, Jun. 29: Introduction to the class and each other
Van Evera, Stephen. 1997. *Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, pp. 7-27.
- Monday, Jul. 2: **Classical Realism**
Thucydides. "The Melian Dialogue."
<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/melian.htm>

Thomas Hobbes. "Of the Natural Condition of Mankind as Concerning Their Felicity and Misery."
Online at: <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/hobbes-lev13.html>

Machiavelli. Chapters XIV, XV, and XXIII
<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/basis/machiavelli-prince.html#CHAPTER%20XIV>

Carr, E. H. 1937. *The Twenty Year Crisis*. Chapters 4 and 5.
<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/carr.htm>

Hans J. Morgenthau (1967). *Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, pp.4-15.
<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/morg6.htm>
- Jul. 3: **Neorealism... and its critics**
Kenneth N. Waltz. 1979. *Theory of International Politics*. Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, pp. 79-128.
Walt, Stephen M. 1985. "Alliance Formation and the Balance of World Power." *International Security* 9(4):3-43.
Mearsheimer, John J. 1990. "Back to the Future: Instability in Europe After the Cold War." *International Security* 15(4): 5-56.
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.
- Jul. 4: Independence Day Holiday (no classes, offices closed)**
- Jul. 5: **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.
Oneal, John R. and Bruce Russett. 1999. "The Kantian Peace: The Pacific Benefits of Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations." *World Politics* 52(1): 1-37.
David Hendrickson 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.

Friday, Jul. 6:

Neoliberalism (Regimes and Institutions)

Keohane, Robert O. 1984. *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*. New York: Princeton Univ. Press, Chap. 1-3, and 6.

Robert O. Keohane 1998. "International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?" *Foreign Policy* 110: 82-96+194.

Robert O. Keohane and Joseph S. Nye, Jr. 2001. *Power and Interdependence* (Third Edition). New York: Longman, Chap. 1-3.

Katzenstein, Peter and Christopher Hemmer. 2002. "Why Is There no NATO in Asia? Collective Identity, Regionalism and the Origins of Multilateralism." *International Organization* 56(3): 575-609.

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.

Monday, Jul. 9:

EXAM 1

Jul. 10:

Foreign Policy

Allison, Graham T. 1969. "Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis." *American Political Science Review* 63(3): 689-718.

Krasner, Stephen. 1972. "Are Bureaucracies Important? Or Allison Wonderland?" *Foreign Policy* 7: 159-179.

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.

Baker, James H., Lee H. Hamilton, et al. 2006. *The Iraq Study Group Report: The Way Forward - A New Approach*. New York: Vantage Books.

Last day to withdraw with grade of W

Problems in International Relations

July 11:

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. 1998. "Offense, Defense, and the Causes of War." *International Security* 22(4): 5-43.

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.

Jul. 12:

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.

Friday, July 13:

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
Text available online at: <http://www.un.org/events/npt2005/npttreaty.html>
Film: Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb. 1967.

Monday, Jul. 16:

EXAM 2

Jul. 17:

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.
Katzenstein, Peter J., Robert O. Keohane, and Stephen D. Krasner. 1998. "International Organization and the Study of World Politics." *International Organization* 52(4): 645-685.
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.

Jul. 18:

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*.
<http://nytimes.com/ref/opinion/harvesting-poverty.html?pagewanted=all>
Film: Commanding Heights: The Battle for the World Economy.

Emerging Problems

Jul. 19:

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.
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, Jul. 20:

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

Jul. 23:

Migration and Security

Weiner, Myron. 1992. "Security, Stability, and International Migration," *International Security* 17(3): 91-126.

Weiner, Myron. 1996. "Ethics, National Sovereignty and the Control of Immigration." *International Migration Review* 30(1): 171-197.

Choucri, Nazli. 2002. "Migration and Security: Some Key Linkages." *Journal of International Affairs* 56(1): 98-122.

Rudolph, Christopher. 2003. "Security and the Political Economy of International Migration." *The American Political Science Review* 97(4): 603-620.

Tuesday, Jul. 24:

Overview and Review

FINAL EXAM

Thursday, July 26, 2007 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

DISCLAIMER: No student can claim any rights based upon "perceived" omissions, ambiguities, vagueness or incompleteness contained in this syllabus. The instructor retains the right to amend this syllabus without prior notice.

Useful Internet Sites:

The White House: <http://www.whitehouse.gov>

The World Bank: <http://www.worldbank.org/>

Center for the Study of Civil War: <http://www.prio.no>

Harvard University - Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs: <http://bcsia.ksg.harvard.edu/>

Yale University – Yale Center for the Study of Globalization: <http://www.ycsg.yale.edu/center/index.html>

Mount Holyoke College – Prof. Vincente Ferraro Webpage: <http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/feros-pg.htm>

New York Times: <http://www.nytimes.com/>

Washington Post: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/>

PBS - <http://www.pbs.org>