

Introduction to International Relations

PSCI 104

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Course Description

This course introduces students to the major themes, theories, and issues studied in the field of international relations. Students will learn the major theories of international relations and how they aid in our understanding of important global issues including: nuclear proliferation, humanitarian intervention, the structure of the global economy, the advent of global terrorism, and the consequences of “declining” American power.

Course Objectives

This course may fulfill one of the breadth requirements for the social sciences. It is also a required introductory course for political science majors and minors.

After completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Identify the major research questions and challenges of international relations scholarship.
- Understand and explain the major theoretical perspectives of international relations.
- Apply different theoretical perspectives to contemporary events and major research questions in international relations.
- Place the more specific issues and topics raised in intermediate and upper-level courses into a broader theoretical context.

Required Readings

The following textbook is required for the course:

Baylis, John, Steve Smith, and Patricia Owens (eds.) (2011) *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relation*. Fifth Edition. Oxford University Press.

Additional required readings have been placed on the course K: Drive in the Readings Folder.

Grading

Your grade in this course consists of the following assignments:

- Mid-Term Exam (30%)
- Final Exam (45%)
- Paper Assignment 1 (10%)
- Paper Assignment 2 (15%)

Academic Honor Policy

All students are required to uphold the highest academic standards. Any case of academic dishonesty will be dealt with according to the guidelines and procedures outlined in Drew University’s “Standards of Academic Integrity: Guidelines and Procedures.” A copy of this document can be found on the following website: <http://depts.drew.edu/cladean/>. The document can be accessed by clicking on: “College Academic Integrity Standards.”

Academic Accommodations

Should you require academic accommodations, you must file a request with the Office of Disability Services (BC 119B, extension 3962). It is your responsibility to self-identify with the Office of Disability Services and to provide faculty with the appropriate documentation from that office at least one week prior to any request for specific course accommodations. There are no retroactive accommodations. **The deadline to request Letters of Accommodations (LOAs) for all students currently registered with the Office of Disability Services is 09/10/2012.**

Course Schedule

28-Aug **Introductions**

A Brief History of the World

30-Aug Colonization to World War II
4-Sep The Cold War to September 11th
Baylis et al - Chapters 2, 3 & 4

Systemic Theories of International Politics

Realism

6-Sep Realism
Baylis et al - Chapter 5
Mearsheimer - Anarchy and the Struggle for Power

The "Problem" of Cooperation

11-Sep Realism and the Prisoner's Dilemma
13-Sep The Evolution of Cooperation
Baylis - Chapter 18
Axelrod & Keohane - Cooperation under Anarchy

Liberalism

18-Sep Neo-Liberalism
20-Sep International Organizations
Baylis et al - Chapters 6, 7, & 19

Constructivism

25-Sep Constructivism
Baylis et al - Chapter 9

Big Theories in Action

Deterrence

27-Sep Deterrence and Proliferation - The Realist Perspective
2-Oct Proliferation and Arms Control - The Neo-Liberal Perspective
4-Oct The Deterrence Norm - The Constructivist Take
Baylis et al - Chapter 23
Mueller - The Essential Irrelevance of Nuclear Weapons
Jervis - The Political Effects of Nuclear Weapons

9-Oct **Mid-Term**

11-Oct **Reading Day - No Class**

Human Rights

16-Oct Human Rights Norms and Institutions

18-Oct Humanitarian Intervention
Baylis et al - Chapters 30 & 31

Foreign Policy and Domestic Politics

23-Oct The Selectorate

25-Oct Bureaucratic Politics

30-Oct Case Study: How Did We Lose Vietnam?
Goldstein & Pevehouse - Foreign Policy
Ellsberg - The Quagmire Myth

The Democratic Peace

1-Nov The Democratic Peace...

6-Nov And, its Critics
Owen - How Liberalism Produces Democratic Peace
Layne - The Myth of the Democratic Peace

International Political Economy

8-Nov Governing the Global Economy

13-Nov The North-South Gap

15-Nov Explaining the North-South Gap
Baylis et al - Chapters 15, 27 & 28

Challenges for the Future

20-Nov Terrorism
Baylis et al - Chapters 22 & 25

22-Nov **Thanksgiving**

27-Nov The Rise of China

29-Nov The Rise of China - A Realist and Liberal Perspective
Ickenberry - The Rise of China
Paulson - A Strategic Economic Engagement

4-Dec What the Future Holds and How We Got Prepared For It
Baylis et al - Chapters 13 & 33