
Political Science 106
Introduction to International Relations

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Course Info:
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12:00–12:50 MW
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This course provides students with the background and conceptual tools they need to understand contemporary international relations. The course will introduce students to the wide range of issues involved in the study of international relations including the workings of the state system, the causes of international conflict and violence, and international economic relations. Students will be introduced to the literature in a broad way, to make them familiar with the main theoretical traditions in the field. Students will be asked, as much as possible, to read original texts, rather than from a textbook. Time permitting, we will also examine topics of particular current interest such as the evolving nature of power in the post Cold War environment as well as special global challenges like the rise of China, nation-building and ongoing conflict(s) in the Middle East.

This course is organized to give students a feel for the breadth of the field. In the beginning, students will examine the basic ingredients of the study of international relations. We will consider the actors, goals, means, and consequences of state interaction. The rest of the course is designed to give an overview of the breadth and scope of the wide-ranging field of international relations. Along the way, students will get a taste of follow-on courses they might choose to take in international security, international political economy, international law, American foreign policy, and so on.

Course Requirements

Participation in recitation (Friday 12:00–12:50, for most) comprises 30% of your grade; your teaching fellow has nearly absolute autonomy in determining the requirements and assessing how well or poorly you have met them.

A midterm exam counts for 30% of your grade, and a final exam counts for 40%. The final exam is given during the period scheduled by the University. The exam is not given early — check the schedule published by the University and make your holiday travel plans accordingly.

Academic Integrity

Be familiar with the University's policies on academic integrity and disciplinary action (<http://www.rochester.edu/College/honesty/students.html>). Violators of University regulations on academic integrity will be dealt with severely, which means that your grade will suffer, and I will forward your case to the Chair of the College Board on Academic Honesty.

Remember that the same technology that has made plagiarism easier to accomplish has also made it easier to detect. If you do not cite a source, it is plagiarism. If you do cite it, it is scholarship.

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Texts

The following book is required:

Jeffrey A. Frieden, David A. Lake & Kenneth A. Schultz, *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions. Second Edition*. New York: W. W. Norton, 2013. Referred to throughout as **FLS**.

These books are optional:

Daniel W. Drezner. (2011) *Theories of International Politics and Zombies*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Robert Art & Robert Jervis. (2007) *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*. Addison-Wesley, Eighth Edition; listed below as Art IPECCI.

Colin McEvedy, David Woodroffe. *The New Penguin Atlas of Recent History: Europe Since 1815*. Penguin, Reissue edition, 2003.

Dan Smith, *The Penguin Atlas of War and Peace: Completely Revised and Updated*. Penguin, Reissue edition, 2003

John L. Allen, *Student Atlas of World Politics*, Fourth Edition, New York: McGraw Hill, 2008

Readings not included in one of the texts can be found through one of the online databases. These readings are listed in the syllabus in italics. The optional readings are useful for providing background, especially for the initial part of the course on theory and concepts. You have to know about the background and substance of International Relations to appreciate and weigh the usefulness of contending theories.

In addition, I expect students to read one of the following newspapers: the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, or the *Financial Times*, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine*, *Die Zeit*, *Le Monde diplomatique* or a comparable international paper. It is entirely likely that questions on the mid-term and the final will require you to be up-to-date on current events.

Course Outline

Wednesday January 15

1. Introduction

Friday January 18

2. Section Assignments

Monday January 20

3. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No class

Wednesday January 22

4. Those who do not know the past are doomed to repeat it

- FLS: Introduction and Chapter 1
- R. Harrison Wagner, *War and the State*, Chapter 1.
- Steve Walt, “International Relations: One World, Many Theories”, in *Foreign Policy*: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/1149275?seq=9>
- Optional but highly recommended: Daniel W. Drezner. (2011) *Theories of International Politics and Zombies*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Monday January 27

5. The ‘modern’ era after 1945

- G. John Ikenberry, *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2001: Chapter 6, pp. 163–214.
- R. Harrison Wagner, “What was Bipolarity?” *International Organization* 47 (1): 77–106, Winter 1993.

Wednesday January 29

6. The Analytical Framework: Interests, Interactions & Institutions

- FLS: Chapter 2.

Monday February 3

7. Interests and Actors

- Arnold Wolfers, “National Security” as an Ambiguous Symbol,” in *Political Science Quarterly*. Vol. 67, No. 4, December 1952, : 481–502.

- Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, Alastair Smith, Randolph M. Siverson and James D. Morrow, *The Logic of Political Survival*, Boston: MIT Press, 2003: Chapter 1, pp. 3-36.

Wednesday February 5

8. War and Bargaining

- FLS: chapter 3

Monday February 10

9. Bargaining and War

- Dan Reiter, "Exploring the Bargaining Model of War," *Perspectives on Politics* 1, 1 (2003): pp.27-47
- Alasdair Roberts, "The War We Deserve," *Foreign Policy*, (November/December 2007), pp.45-50
- James Fearon, "Rationalist Explanations for War," *International Organization*, Vol. 49, No.3, Summer 1995: 379-414.

Wednesday February 12

10. Domestic Politics and War

- FLS: Chapter 4
- Giacomo Chiozza and H. E. Goemans, *Leaders and International Conflict*, Chapters 1, 2 and 6.

Monday February 17

11. International Institutions and War

- FLS: Chapter 5
- Virginia Page Fortna, "Interstate Peacekeeping: Causal Mechanisms and Empirical Effects." *World Politics*, 56 (2004): 481-519
- Michael Glennon, "Why the Security Council Failed," *Foreign Affairs* 82, no. 3 (May/June 2003): pp. 16-35.

Wednesday February 19

12. International Trade

- FLS: Chapter 7

Monday February 24

13. International Trade and Globalization

- Ronald Rogowski, "Political Cleavages and Changing Exposure to Trade," *American Political Science Review* 81, no. 4 (December 1987): pp. 1121-1137.
- Dani Rodrik, "Trading in Illusions," *Foreign Policy* 123 (2001): 54-62
- Peter D. Sutherland, "Transforming Nations: How the WTO boosts Economies and Opens Societies," *Foreign Affairs*, 87 #2 (2008): 125-136
- Kenneth Scheve and Matthew J. Slaughter, "A New Deal for Globalization," *Foreign Affairs* 86 #4 (2007): 34-47.

Wednesday February 26

14. International Financial Relations

- FLS: Chapter 8

Monday March 3

15. International Monetary Relations

- FLS: Chapter 9
- Benjamin J. Cohen, *The Geography of Money*, Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, "Introduction: Money in International Affairs," 1-8. Available from Google Books.

Wednesday March 5

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Monday March 10 & Wednesday March 12

Spring Break

Monday March 17

16. International Development

- FLS: Chapter 10
- Laurie Garrett. "The Challenge of Global Health." *Foreign Affairs* 86, # 1 (2007): 14-38.

Wednesday March 19

17. International Regimes

- FLS, Chapter 11.

Monday March 24

18. International Law

- Anne-Marie Slaughter, Andrew S. Tulumello, Stepan Wood, "International Law and International Relations Theory: A New Generation of Interdisciplinary Scholarship," in *The American Journal of International Law*, Vol. 92, # 3 (July 1998): 367-397.
- K. P. Prakash, "International Criminal Court: A Review." *Economic and Political Weekly* 37, # 4 (2002): 4113-4115.
- John R. Bolton, "The Risks and Weaknesses of the International Criminal Court from America's Perspective." *Law and Contemporary Problems* 64, # 1 (2001): 167-180.
- Bruce Baker, "Twilight of Impunity for Africa's Presidential Criminals." *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 25, # 8 (2004): 1487-1499.
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/3993798>

Wednesday March 26

19. Human Rights

- FLS: Chapter 12

Monday March 31

20. Failed States and Nation Building

- Art, IPECCI. Robert I. Rotberg, "Failed States, Collapsed States, Weak States: Causes and Indicators," 451-458
- Art, IPECCI. James Dobbins, "Nation-Building: UN Surpasses US on Learning Curve" 518-524.
- Sebastian Mallaby, "The Reluctant Imperialist: Terrorism, Failed States, and the Case for American Empire," *Foreign Affairs* 81(2) (March/April 2002): 2-7.
- Gerald B. Helman and Steven R. Ratner. "Saving Failed States," *Foreign Policy* No. 89, Winter 1992-93: 3-20.

Wednesday April 2

21. Terrorism

- FLS, Chapter 6.

Monday April 7

22. Terrorism

- Robert A. Pape, "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism." *American Political Science Review*, 97 (3): 343-361. August, 2003.
- Art, IPECCI. Bruce Hoffmann, *What Is Terrorism?*, 198-204.
- Mia Bloom, "Palestinian Suicide Bombing: Public Support, Market Share, and Outbidding." *Political Science Quarterly*, 119 (1): 61-88; Spring 2004.
- Optional: Louise Richardson, *What do Terrorists Want: Understanding the Enemy, Containing the Threat*. New York: Random House, 2006.

Wednesday April 9

23. Ethnic Conflicts

- Chaim Kaufmann, "Possible and Impossible Solutions to Ethnic Civil Wars," *International Security*, Vol. 20 #4 (Spring, 1996): 136-175
- James D. Fearon and David D. Laitin, "Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War." *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 97, No. 1, February 2003: 75-90.
- Paul Collier and Nicholas Sambanis, "Understanding Civil War; A New Agenda," *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 46, No.1, February 2002: 3-12.
- James D. Fearon, "Why do some civil wars last so much longer than others?" *Journal of Peace Research*, Vol. 41 #3 (2004): 275-301

Monday April 14

24. The Environment

- FLS: Chapter 13

Wednesday April 16

25. The Environment

- Art, IPECCI. Garrett Hardin, "The Tragedy of the Commons," 495-500
- Art, IPECCI. Julian L. Simon, "The Infinite Supply of Natural Resources," 531-538
- Art, IPECCI. Thomas Homer-Dixon, "Environmental Changes as Causes of Acute Conflict" 501-507

Monday April 21

26. Weapons of Mass Destruction

- FLS, Chapter 14, pp.538-548
- Alexandre Debs & Nuno Monteiro, "Nuclear Proliferation," unpublished manuscript.

Wednesday April 23

27. **The Rise of China**

- FLS, Chapter 14, pp.548–556.
- Richard Bernstein & Ross H. Munro, “China I: The Coming Conflict with America,” *Foreign Affairs* 76(2) March/April 1997: 18–32.
- Robert S. Ross, “China II: Beijing as a Conservative Power,” *Foreign Affairs* 76(2)March/April 1997: 33–44.
- Gerald Segal, “Does China Matter?,” *Foreign Affairs* 78(5) September/October 1999: 24–36.
- Thomas J. Christensen, “China, the U.S.–Japan Alliance, and the Security Dilemma in East Asia,” *International Security* 23 (4) Spring 1999: 49-80.

Monday April 28

28. **The Future of International Politics**

- FLS Chapter 14, pp.557–577.
- Daniel Drezner, “The New New World Order,” *Foreign Policy* 86, no. 2 (March/April 2007): pp.34-46.
- Kenneth Rogoff, “What America Must Do,” *Foreign Policy* (January/February 2008): pp. 63-74.