
Political Science 106
Introduction to International Relations

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Course Info:
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2:00–2:50 PM 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 Brexit, the rise of China, and the future of international institutions.

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 at one of two allotted time slots,) 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**.

Optional:

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

Readings not included in one of the texts can be found through one of the online databases, or in a Dropbox folder I will share. 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 *Guardian* (which is free), 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 August 28

1. **Introduction and Overview**
2. “How to Read Political Science: A Guide in Four Steps;” Memo. Amelia Hoover Green, Drexel University.

Friday January 18

3. **Section Assignments**

Monday September 2

4. **Labor Day** — No class

Wednesday September 4

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

Monday September 9

6. **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 September 11

7. **The Analytical Framework: Interests, Interactions & Institutions**
 - **FLS:** Chapter 2.
 - Play this game: <http://ncase.me/trust/>

Monday September 16

8. Interests and Actors

- Arnold Wolfers, 1952. ““National Security” as an Ambiguous Symbol,” in *Political Science Quarterly*. Vol. 67, No. 4, December 1952: 481–502.
- Kenneth A. Schultz, 1999. “Do Democratic Institutions Constrain or Inform?: Contrasting Two Institutional Perspectives on Democracy and War,” *International Organization* 53(2) (Spring 1999), pp. 233-66.
- Michael C. Horowitz and Matthew Fuhrman, 2018 “Studying Leaders and Military Conflict: Conceptual Framework and Research Agenda.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* Vol 62(10): 2072–2086.

Wednesday September 18

9. War and Bargaining

- **FLS**: chapter 3

Monday September 23

10. 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 September 25

11. Domestic Politics and War

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

Monday September 30

12. 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 October 2

13. **International Trade**

- **FLS:** Chapter 7

Monday October 7

14. **International Trade and International Institutions**

I'm deliberately leaving room here to insert up-to-date readings on the EU, NAFTA and Brexit.

- Brexit. "How Brits view Brexit: Indifferent on many aspects, but divided on others." http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2017/08/17/study-how-britain-views-brexite/?fbclid=IwAR1DY8x8GcqjpSbbQ_-aBn6ADiL-uaRpBgf1PC0AvjC7b0_Bh1-oyUkpRXE

Wednesday October 9

15. **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.
- Peter D. Sutherland, "Transforming Nations: How the WTO boosts Economies and Opens Societies," *Foreign Affairs*, 87 #2 (2008): 125-136
- Philip G. Cerny. 1995. "Globalization and the changing logic of collective action." *International Organization*, Vol. 49(4), Autumn: 595-625

Monday October 14

16. **FALL BREAK**

Wednesday October 16

MID-TERM

Monday October 21

17. **Brexit?**

Readings TBD

Wednesday October 23

18. **International Financial Relations**

- **FLS:** Chapter 8

Monday October 28

19. **International Development**

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

Wednesday October 30

20. **International Regimes**

- **FLS**, Chapter 11.

Monday November 4

21. **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.

Wednesday November 6

22. **Human Rights**

- **FLS**: Chapter 12

Monday November 11

23. **Terrorism**

- **FLS**, Chapter 6.
 - Mia Bloom, 2017. “Constructing Expertise: Terrorist Recruitment and “Talent Spotting” in the PIRA, Al Qaeda, and ISIS,” *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 40:7, 603-623, DOI: 10.1080/1057610X.2016.1237219
 - Mia Bloom, 2015. “Cubs of the Caliphate; The CHildren of ISIS.” *Foreign Affairs*, July 21, 2015.
<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2015-07-21/cubs-caliphate>
 - Optional: Louise Richardson, *What do Terrorists Want: Understanding the Enemy, Containing the Threat*. New York: Random House, 2006.

Wednesday November 13

24. Nuclear Weapons

- **FLS**, Chapter 14, pp.538–548
- Scott D. Sagan and Benjamin Valentino, “Living With a Nuclear North Korea”. *The Wall Street Journal*, March 20, 2019. Available in readings under Scott and Valentino.
- Alexandre Debs and Nuno Monteiro, “The Strategic Logic of Nuclear Proliferation”, *International Security*, Vol. 39, No. 2 (2014), pp. 7-51.
- Scott D. Sagan and Kenneth N. Waltz, 2003. Chapter 3, “Indian and Pakistani Nuclear Weapons: For Better or Worse?” In *The Spread of Nuclear Weapons; A Debate Renewed*. New York: W. W. Norton & Company,

Monday November 18

25. Cyber Warfare

- Joseph S. Nye, Jr., 2017. “Deterrence and Dissuasion in Cyberspace.” *International Security* **41**(3): 44-71.
- Michael Horowitz, 2018. “Artificial Intelligence, International Competition, and the Balance of Power.” *Texas National Security Review* **1**(3) (May 2018)

As you can imagine, there’s a rapidly growing literature on this topic. In case you are interested, here are some more readings you might find worthwhile.

- Remco Zwetsloot and Alan Dafoe, “Thinking About Risks From AI: Accidents, Misuse and Structure”. *Lawfare*, February 11, 2019.
<https://www.lawfareblog.com/thinking-about-risks-ai-accidents-misuse-and-structure>
- Erica D. Borghard and Shawn W. Lonergan, 2017. “The Logic of Coercion in Cyberspace.” *Security Studies* **26**(3): 452-481
- David Gompert and Martin Libicki, 2014. “Cyber warfare and Sino-American Crisis Stability,” *Survival* **56**(4): 7-22
- Nadiya Kostyuk and Yuri Zhukov, 2019. “Invisible Digital Front: Can Cyber Attacks Shape Battlefield Events?” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. **63**(2) 317–347:
- Jon Lindsay, 2013. “Stuxnet and the limits of cyber warfare.” *Security Studies* **22**(3): 365-404
- Jon Lindsay, 2015. “The Impact of China on Cybersecurity: Fiction and Friction.” *International Security* **39**(3): 7-47.
- Thomas Rid, 2012. “Cyber war will not take place.” *Journal of Strategic Studies* **35**(1): 5-32.
- Rebecca Slayton, 2017. “What Is the Cyber Offense-Defense Balance? Conceptions, Causes, and Assessment.” *International Security* **41**(3): 72-109
- Brandon Valeriano and Ryan C. Maness, 2014. “The dynamics of cyber conflict between rival antagonists, 2001–11.” *Journal of Peace Research* **51**(3): 347-360.
- Check out the RAND Corporation’s page on Cyber Warfare:
<https://www.rand.org/topics/cyber-warfare.html>

- Tarah Wheeler, 2018. “In cyberwar, there are no rules; Why the world desperately needs digital Geneva Conventions.” *Foreign Policy*, September 12, 2018. <https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/09/12/in-cyberwar-there-are-no-rules-cybersecurity-war-defense/>

Wednesday November 20

26. The Environment

- **FLS**: Chapter 13
- Aarne Granlund, 2017. “Three Things We Don’t Want To Understand About Climate Change.” In *Medium*, 30 August 2017. https://medium.com/@aarnegranslund/three-things-we-dont-understand-about-climate-change-c59338a1c435?fbclid=IwAR09eAWvoj3UVBS7muS0rP3Uz0jrzHePI_LTaATLBcRmp4QnfMiJ6wfTs
- Robinson Meyer, 2018. “Does Climate Change Cause More War?” in *The Atlantic*, February 2018. <https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2018/02/does-climate-change-cause-more-war/553040/>

Monday November 25

27. The Rise of China

- **FLS**, Chapter 14, pp.548–556.

Wednesday November 27

Thanksgiving Recess

Monday December 2

28. The Democratic Peace and Democratic Backsliding

- Anne Appelbaum, 2018. “A Warning From Europe: The Worst Is Yet to Come.” *The Atlantic*, October 2018. <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2018/10/poland-polarization/568324/>
- Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt. “This is how democracies die.” *The Guardian*, Sunday 21 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/commentisfree/2018/jan/21/this-is-how-democracies-die>
- Nancy Bermeo, 2016. On Democratic Backsliding. *Journal of Democracy*, 27(1): 5–19.
- Beda Magyar (a pseudonym), “Hungary is Lost.” *Die Zeit*. 9 April 2019. https://www.zeit.de/amp/politik/ausland/2019-04/european-union-hungary-democracy-viktor-orban-english?__twitter_impression=true
- Optional: Watch Timothy Snyder’s talk: “On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6bfzd0Nyhk>

Wednesday December 4

29. **The Decline of the Liberal International Order?**

- Simmons and Goemans, “After Borders?” manuscript prepared for IO’s 75th anniversary
- selections from other contributions to this issue

Monday December 9

30. **Game Theory and Empirical IR**

- Alexandre Debs, “The Empirical Promise of Game Theory,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Empirical International Relations Theory*, William Thompson, ed. (Oxford University Press. Available at <http://politics.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.001.0001/acrefore-9780190228637-e-515>).
- Hein Goemans and William Spaniel, “Multi-Method Research: The Case for Formal Theory.” *Security Studies*, Vol. 25, No.1, January 2016: 25–33. Multi-Method Symposium special issue.

Wednesday December 11

31. **Real World IR of this semester**

- Making sense of what happened in the last couple of months.

Please give me some information about yourself: Who are you? To that end, hand in one page bio on yourself:

1. Name, e-mail, year, major.
2. Why did you sign up for this course?
3. What are your interests, extra-curricular?
4. What is true about you and no one else?
5. Should the US withdraw from Iraq? If so, on what conditions?
6. What are your biggest expectations of a U of R Professor.