

POLS 20200-01
Introduction to International Relations

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Course Information

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Course Description

This course provides an introduction to the study of international relations (IR). It covers several theoretical approaches to and empirical issues in the field of IR. The course is divided into six parts: (I) Fundamentals; (II) Theories (realism, liberalism, and constructivism); (III) International History (especially the World Wars and Cold War); (IV) International Security (weapons of mass destruction, ethnic conflict, and terrorism); (V) International Political Economy (trade, finance, and globalization); (VI) International Law, Human Rights, and the Environment. The course concludes by discussing the future of international relations in the twenty-first century.

Course Requirements

Students are required to attend all lectures and discussion sections, complete all the assigned readings **before** coming to class, participate actively in weekly discussion sections, and take three examinations.

A. Required Reading

The following **required books** are available for purchase at the Hammes Bookstore:

Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis, eds., *International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues*, 10th edition (Pearson Longman, 2010) [AJ].

Henry R. Nau, *Perspectives on International Relations: Power, Institutions, and Ideas*, 2nd edition (CQ Press, 2008).

Additional **required readings**, marked with an asterisk (*), are available through the Hesburgh library e-reserve system.

B. Grading

Course grades are based on examinations and discussion section participation.

Examinations: There will be three exams—two mid-terms and a final. The exams will evaluate students' knowledge and understanding of the lectures and readings. Each exam will include a combination of factual, short identification, and essay questions. The first mid-term (September 29) will be based on material from parts I and II of the course. The second mid-term (November 8) will be based on material from parts III and IV of the course. Each mid-term will account for 25% of the final grade. The final exam (December 15) will be based on all the material in the course and will account for 40% of the final grade.

Discussion Sections: Students will be assigned a grade for participation in discussion sections. Regular attendance and informed participation are mandatory for a good discussion grade. Discussion section participation will account for 10% of the final grade.

Course Calendar

August 25 (W) Class 1 Course Introduction
August 27 (F) *No discussion section*

Part I: Fundamentals

August 30 (M) Class 2 Theory, Policy, Methods
September 1 (W) Class 3 Essentials
September 3 (F) Discussion section

Part II: Theories

September 6 (M) Class 4 Three Traditions
September 8 (W) Class 5 Realism I
September 10 (F) Discussion section
September 13 (M) Class 6 Realism II
September 15 (W) Class 7 Liberalism I
September 17 (F) Discussion section
September 20 (M) Class 8 Liberalism II
September 22 (W) Class 9 The Realist-Liberal Debate
September 24 (F) Discussion section
September 27 (M) Class 10 Constructivism
September 29 (W) Class 11 FIRST MID-TERM
October 1 (F) *No discussion section*

Part III: International History

October 4 (M) Class 12 World War I
October 6 (W) Class 13 World War II
October 8 (F) Discussion section
October 11 (M) Class 14 The Cold War
October 13 (W) Class 15 Movie: Dr. Strangelove
October 15 (F) *No discussion section* *Mid-semester break*
October 18 (M) *No class* *Mid-semester break*
October 20 (W) *No class* *Mid-semester break*
October 22 (F) *No discussion section* *Mid-semester break*

Part IV: International Security

October 25 (M)	Class 16	Weapons of Mass Destruction
October 27 (W)	Class 17	Civil Wars and Genocide
October 29 (F)	Discussion Section	
November 1 (M)	Class 18	Movie: The Triumph of Evil
November 3 (W)	Class 19	Terrorism
November 5 (F)	Discussion section	
November 8 (M)	Class 20	SECOND MID-TERM

Part IV: International Political Economy

November 10 (W)	Class 21	International Trade
November 12 (F)	Discussion section	
November 15 (M)	Class 22	International Finance
November 17 (W)	Class 23	The Globalization Debate
November 19 (F)	Discussion section	
November 22 (M)	Class 24	Movie: Inside the Meltdown
November 24 (W)	<i>No class</i>	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
November 26 (F)	<i>No discussion section</i>	<i>Thanksgiving</i>

Part VI: International Law, Human Rights, and the Environment

November 29 (M)	Class 25	International Law and Human Rights
December 1 (W)	Class 26	The Environment
December 3 (F)	Discussion section	
December 6 (M)	Class 27	Movie: An Inconvenient Truth
December 8 (W)	Class 28	The Future of International Relations
December 15 (W)	8:00-10:00 AM	FINAL

Course Schedule

August 25 (W) Class 1: Course Introduction

August 27 (F) *No Discussion Section*

August 30 (M) Class 2: Theory, Policy, Methods

*John J. Mearsheimer and Stephen M. Walt, "An Unnecessary War," *Foreign Policy* no. 134 (2003): 51-59.

*Daniel Drezner, "The Outsourcing Bogeyman," *Foreign Affairs* 83, no. 3 (2004): 22-34.

September 1 (W) Class 3: Essentials

Nau, 1-11, 510-514.

Art, "The Four Functions of Force," AJ.

September 3 (F) Discussion Section

September 6 (M) Class 4: Three Traditions

*Stephen M. Walt, "International Relations: One World, Many Theories," *Foreign Policy* no. 110 (1998): 29-46.

September 8 (W) Class 5: Realism I

Nau, 28-34.

Waltz, "The Anarchic Structure of World Politics," AJ.

Jervis, "Offense, Defense, and the Security Dilemma," AJ.

September 10 (F) Discussion Section

September 13 (M) Class 6: Realism II

Mearsheimer, "Anarchy and the Struggle for Power," AJ.

Walt, "Alliances: Balancing and Bandwagoning," AJ.

September 15 (W) Class 7: Liberalism I

Nau, 34-44.

Oye, "The Conditions for Cooperation in World Politics," AJ.

Keohane, "International Institutions," AJ.

September 17 (F) Discussion Section

September 20 (M) Class 8: Liberalism II

Doyle, "Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs," AJ.

*Sebastian Rosato, "On the Democratic Peace," 1-6, 14-16.

September 22 (W) Class 9: The Realist-Liberal Debate

*John J. Mearsheimer, "The False Promise of International Institutions," *International Security* 19, no. 3 (1994/5): 5-26.

*Sebastian Rosato, "On the Democratic Peace," 6-14, 16-24.

September 24 (F) Discussion Section

September 27 (M) Class 10: Constructivism

Nau, 44-53.

Wendt, "Anarchy is What States Make of It," AJ.

September 29 (W) Class 11: FIRST MID-TERM

October 1 (F) *No Discussion Section*

October 4 (M) Class 12: World War I

Nau, 109-135.

October 6 (W) Class 13: World War II

Nau, 136-166.

October 8 (F) Discussion Section

October 11 (M) Class 14: The Cold War

Nau, 167-204.

*John Lewis Gaddis, "The Long Peace: Elements of Stability in the Postwar International System," *International Security* 10, no. 4 (1986): 99-142.

October 13 (W) Class 15: Movie—Dr. Strangelove

*Dan Lindley, "What I Learned Since I Stopped Worrying and Studied the Movie: A Teaching Guide to Stanley Kubrick's *Dr. Strangelove*," *PSOnline*, www.apsanet.org, 663-667.

October 15 (F) No discussion section: Mid-semester break

October 18 (M) No class: Mid-semester break

October 20 (W) No class: Mid-semester break

October 22 (F) No discussion section: Mid-semester break

October 25 (M) Class 16: Weapons of Mass Destruction

*Kenneth N. Waltz, "Nuclear Myths and Political Realities," *American Political Science Review* 84, no. 3 (1990): 731-745.

*Keir A. Lieber and Daryl G. Press, "The Rise of U.S. Nuclear Primacy," *Foreign Affairs* 85, no. 2 (2006): 42-54.

Posen, "Dealing with a Nuclear-Armed Iran," *AJ*.

Sokolski and Clawson, "Getting Ready for a Nuclear-Ready Iran," *AJ*.

October 27 (W) Class 17: Civil Wars and Genocide

Nau, 250-266.

Kaufmann, "Possible and Impossible Solutions to Ethnic Civil Wars," *AJ*.

*Barry R. Posen, "The Security Dilemma and Ethnic Conflict," *Survival* 35, no. 1 (1993): 27-47.

October 29 (F) Discussion section

November 1 (M) Class 18: Movie—The Triumph of Evil

*Samantha Power, "Bystanders to Genocide: Why the United States Let the Rwandan Tragedy Happen," *The Atlantic Monthly* 288, no. 2 (2001): 84-108.

November 3 (W) Class 19: Terrorism

Nau, 233-250.

Hoffman, “What Is Terrorism?” AJ.

Pape, “The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism,” AJ.

November 5 (F) Discussion section

November 8 (M) Class 20: SECOND MID-TERM

November 10 (W) Class 21: International Trade

Nau, 348-364.

Gilpin, “The Nature of Political Economy,” AJ.

*Stephen D. Krasner, “State Power and the Structure of Foreign Trade,” *World Politics* 28, no. 3 (1976): 317-347.

November 12 (F) Discussion Section

November 15 (M) Class 22: International Finance

Nau, 364-376.

November 17 (W) Class 23: The Globalization Debate

Nau, 321-328.

Rodrik, “Trading in Illusions,” AJ.

Micklethwait and Wooldridge, “Why the Globalization Backlash is Stupid,” AJ.

Scott, “The Great Divide in the Global Village,” AJ.

November 19 (F) Discussion section

November 22 (M) Class 24: Movie—Inside the Meltdown

November 24 (W) No class: Thanksgiving

November 26 (F) No discussion section: Thanksgiving

November 29 (M) Class 25: International Law and Human Rights

Ratner, “International Law: The Trials of Global Norms,” AJ.

Roberts, “The United Nations and International Security,” AJ.

December 1 (W) Class 26: The Environment

Nau, 472-476.

Hardin, “The Tragedy of the Commons,” AJ.

Victor, “International Cooperation on Climate Change: Numbers, Interests, and Institutions,” AJ.

December 3 (F) Discussion Section

December 6 (M) Class 27: Movie—An Inconvenient Truth

December 8 (W) Class 28: The Future of International Relations

Jervis, “The Era of Leading Power Peace,” AJ.

Art, “The U.S. and the Rise of China,” AJ.

Posen, “Emerging Multipolarity: Why Should We Care?” AJ.

December 15 (W) 8.00-10.00 AM: FINAL