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Course Description

This is an introductory course in International Relations, which covers the basic problems and principles and the major themes, theories, and concepts of political science in this subfield. I will teach this class with three groups of students in mind. The first is potential international relations/international studies majors, the second, is potential political science majors and the third is none of the above. I hope that all of you take from this class sufficient background and understanding that you will be prepared to advance in whatever group you are in.

I have three goals for the class. The first is to acquaint you with the major issues in world politics and the major approaches to analyzing those issues. Second, to introduce you to the major subfields in the study of world politics. Third, to develop your own thinking and analytical ability regarding international relations.

Topics to be covered

The course will start with the major theoretical approaches to the study of international relations. We will then, in turn, cover the major subfields of international relations: International Political Economy, Security, and International Institutions & Organizations. Finally we will touch on certain issue areas in world politics such as human rights, environmental policy and religion.

Course Requirements

1. Attendance

Attendance at lecture is mandatory. Regular absences will negatively affect your final grades. If you will miss a class, please email as soon as you can to explain your absence

2. Exams

There will be one midterm exam and a final exam. The final will be cumulative, but will emphasize material covered in the second half of the course. The exams will be a combination of multiple choice questions, identifications, and essays.

3. Paper

There will be a research paper in this class of 8-10 pages. There will be several steps in the process and I will send you more details on this early in the semester.

There are several good books available on college level writing. One that I highly recommend is Stephen Van Evera's *Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science*, Cornell University Press: Ithaca, 1997.

4. Knowledge of current events

In addition to completing the assigned readings from the course, you must keep up with current goings-on in world politics. You should review a major national or international newspaper (such as *The New York Times*, *The Christian Science Monitor* or the *Financial Times*) on a daily basis. The NYTimes has a free web site at www.nytimes.com as does the Washington Post, www.washingtonpost.com. The British magazine *The Economist* is also an excellent source of information.

5. Course Readings

The following texts have been assigned and are available for purchase at the Book Marq:

Joshua S. Goldstein and Jon Pevehouse. 2010. *International Relations*. New York: Longman. Listed as Goldstein in the schedule

Reinhold Neibuhr. 2002. *Moral Man and Immoral Society: A Study of Ethics and Politics* Westminster: John Knox Press.

In addition, there may be readings that are available online.

Grading

Grades for this course are based on the paper, a midterm exam and a final exam. The final covers the entire course and counts slightly more. Students showing improvement over the semester will be given positive credit.

Grades will be broken down as follows:

Class participation	10%
The paper	25%
The midterm	25%
The final exam	40%

Grading will be numerical as follows: 93%, an A, 88%, an A/B, 82% a B, 78%, a B/C, 70% a C, 65% C/D and less than 60%, an F. You are required to complete all areas of the class or you will earn a "F." In addition, short of family emergencies or serious illness, late assignments will be penalized a grade reduction for each calendar day late.

Students needing additional time to complete these exams for legitimate reasons will be granted such time but make sure to discuss this with me, at least two weeks prior to the exam.

All exams are closed book, unless otherwise noted.

I expect all of you to conduct yourselves with integrity, and have some simple advice for those of you who may want to rely on short-cuts and cheat your way through this class: *don't do it*. It is a disgrace, and grossly unfair to your fellow students. Cheating encompasses, among other things: (1) plagiarism, which includes cutting and pasting from the Internet; (2) turning in work in your name that is not your own; (3) referring to notes or written materials, collaborating with others, copying someone else's work, or providing answers to others in any fashion during exams. If you need more information about the nature of misconduct and university procedures, refer to the University's Academic Honesty website at <http://www.marquette.edu/academics/regulations/acaddishonesty.html>.

Both the College of Arts and Sciences and I recognize that any form or degree of academic dishonesty challenges the principles of truth and honesty. As a result, the college and I treat academic dishonesty as a serious violation of academic trust. Both the college and I will penalize all students found to have engaged in such behavior.

Overall Outline

I. Theories

- A. Realism*
- B. Liberalism*
- C. Constructivism, Marxism, Feminism*

II. Lawyers, Guns and Money

- A. International Governance*
 - 1. International Organizations
 - 2. International Law
- C. Security*
- D. IPE*

III. Issues

- A. American Foreign Policy*
- B. North/South Issues*
- C. Environment*
- D. Human Rights*
- E. Religion*

Schedule of readings

This schedule is a guideline to help you plan your reading. Keep up with the reading. You are responsible for all the material covered in the reading as well as the material from lecture. You should have the reading completed prior to your lecture for the week.

Weeks 1 and 2

Introduction, administrative details, class overview and intro to social science.

Goldstein Chapter 1

Realism

Goldstein Chapter 2.

Interlude Understanding the media

Week 3

Liberalism

Goldstein Chapter 3.

Interlude: My expectations re paper.

Week 4

Constructivism, Marxism, Feminism

Goldstein Chapter 4

International Governance

International Law

Goldstein Chapter 7

Goldstein Chapter 10

Week 5

Security

Goldstein Chapter 5

Week 6

Goldstein Chapter 6

X (George Kennan). 1987. "The Sources of Soviet Conduct." *Foreign Affairs*. 65(4): 852-868 originally published in 1946/1947. Online

Week 7

D. IPE

Goldstein Chapter 8.

Goldstein Chapter 9.

Goldstein Chapter 13

Week 8

March 10 Mid term exam

Spring Break March 14 to March 21

Week 9

American Foreign Policy

Readings as assigned

Week 10

American Foreign Policy continued

Readings as assigned

Week 11

North/South Issues

Begin reading Neibuhr.

Goldstein Chapter 12

Week 12 (April 5 (Easter Break))

Environment

Continue reading Neibuhr

Goldstein Chapter 11.

Week 13

Human Rights

Reread Goldstein Chapter 7

Other readings as assigned

Week 14

Religion

Jeff Haynes 2001 "Transnational Religious Actors and International Politics," *Third World Quarterly* 22 (April): 143-158. Reserve (17 pages) This is available online via the Library web page. Search for *Third World Quarterly* and then you can get a copy through EBSCOHOST or JSTOR.

Philip Jenkins. 2002. "The Next Christianity." *The Atlantic Monthly* (October): Vol. 290, Iss. 3; p. 53 This is also available online via the Library web page. Search for *The Atlantic Monthly* and then you can get a copy through online articles via ProQuest.

The Economist Newspaper (it is actually a magazine, but calls itself a newspaper) had a special edition on the role of religion in international affairs. I would like you to read the following articles from that issue. They are available online from the library's webpage via EBSCOHOST

In God's name. *Economist*, 00130613, 11/3/2007, Vol. 385, Issue 8553

O come all ye faithful. *Economist*, 00130613, 11/3/2007, Vol. 385, Issue 8553

The new wars of religion. (cover story) *Economist*, 11/3/2007, Vol. 385 Issue 8553, special section p11-13, 3p

The lesson from America. (cover story) *Economist*, 11/3/2007, Vol. 385 Issue 8553, special section p21-22,

Week 14

Review and Conclusion

Final May 11 from 8-10 am (You have to love that!)