

Political Science 2020: International Relations

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Time and Location:
M, W, F 10:00 - 10:50
BC-101 (Section 001)
M, W, F 11:00 - 11:50
BC-101 (Section 002)

Course Description:

This course will present you with an understanding of International Relations, a field of the Social Science discipline of Political Science. You will learn the content of the field, which focuses on the ways in which countries interact, and the institutions which they build to facilitate those interactions. You will learn how political scientists conduct research in IR, and the relevance of that research for general knowledge.

Required Reading:

Frieden, Jeffrey A., David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz. 2010/2013. *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions 2nd Edition*. New York: W.W. Norton.

Any additional readings are posted on the course's Blackboard page.

Course Requirements and Grading

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Grade Weight</u>	<u>Date</u>
Exam 1	20%	Friday, February 15
Exam 2	20%	Wednesday, March 27
Unannounced Weekly Quiz (10)	20% (2% each)	N/A
Attendance/Participation	15%	N/A
Final Exam	25%	Mon, May 6 8:00 - 10:30 (Sec. 001) Wed, May 8 11:00 - 1:30 (Sec. 002)

Exams 1 & 2 – The exams will be taken in class and consist of 20-30 questions and a short essay.

Final - The final exam will be taken in class and is cumulative. It will also consist of 35-40 questions, a short essay about a topic covered in the exams, and a longer essay integrating everything we have learned.

Unannounced Quizzes – During the course of each week (with some exceptions), I will randomly conduct a quiz. These will be given in class and will concern the reading that is due for that day. The format will be multiple choice. These are meant to ensure that you do the reading. If you read, these should be relatively simple. An additional bonus is that these questions have a habit of showing up on the exams. I will count the 10 highest quizzes towards your grade.

Attendance/Participation - Students are expected to participate actively in class and contribute to class discussion. In addition, attendance is obviously important. Late arrivals will be noted and repeated instances of being late will negatively affect your grade. In regards to absences, please contact me

before class if you are unable to attend. Please note that attending and participating are two different things – just regular attendance without participation will be considered “average”; as a result, this portion of your grade will be given an “average” grade of C.

Grading Scale:

Grades will be based on a 100 point scale:

A Range = 90 - 100

A = 93 to 100

A - = 90 to 92.99

B Range = 80 - 89.99

B + = 87 to 89.99

B = 83 to 86.99

B - = 80 to 82.99

C Range = 70 - 79.99

C + = 77 to 79.99

C = 73 to 76.99

C - = 70 to 72.99

D Range = 60 - 69.99

D + = 67 to 69.99

D = 63 to 67.99

D - = 60 to 62.99

F = 59.99 or below

Note

Any and all assignments are to be hard-copy, word-processed documents. No emailed attachments are accepted. Late assignments are penalized 10 points each day late.

Please feel free to see me if you have any questions or concerns. Problems and concerns about grades are easier to solve early in the semester than late.

Blackboard Site

You have been added to an online blackboard system. The blackboard system allows for students to interact with the instructor, and to interact with each other. All the material for this course (e.g., reading materials, a copy of the syllabus, hand-outs, and study guides) will be posted to this system. You can login at <https://blackboard.ecu.edu/>. Your user name is your PirateID and your password is your normal password. I will offer more detail about the course blackboard page as we proceed throughout the semester.

Disability Services

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Support Services (DSS), located in Slay 138, to verify the disability before any accommodations can occur. The DSS telephone number is (252) 737-1016.

University Emergency Policies

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Course Outline

Do the reading before coming to class on the specified day. For example, the reading listed under “Wednesday, January 16” is the reading that should be completed by class on that day. I reserve the right to change readings to accommodate changes in schedule, pace, etc...

Week 1 (January 14 – January 18): Introduction

Monday, January 14: Review Syllabus

Wednesday, January 16:

- Frieden, Jeffrey A., David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz (FLS). 2010/2013. *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions 2nd Edition*. New York: W.W. Norton. Pages xix - xxxii

Friday, January 18:

- Walt, Stephen. 1998. International Relations: One World, Many Theories. *Foreign Policy* 110: 29-46. (Esp. Page 38)

Week 2 (January 23 – January 25): Intro/The History of International Relations

Wednesday, January 23:

- “Political Power” in Morgenthau, Hans. 1960. *Politics Among Nations*. New York: Knopf

Friday, January 25:

- “The Melian Dialogue” in Thucydides. 1954. *The History of the Peloponnesian War*. Harmondsworth: Penguin.

Week 3 (January 28 - February 1): History of International Politics

Monday, January 28:

- FLS. Pages 2-14.

Wednesday, January 30:

- FLS. Pages 14-29.

Friday, February 1:

- FLS. Pages 29-37.

Week 4 (February 4 - February 8): Interests, Interactions, and Institutions

Monday, February 4:

- FLS. Pages 38-47.

Wednesday, February 6:

- FLS. Pages 47-62.

Friday, February 8:

- FLS. Pages 62-73.

Week 5 (February 11 - February 15): Why Are There Wars?/Exam 1

Monday, February 11:

- “War Really is Going Out of Style”, by Joshua Goldstein and Steven Pinker, http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/18/opinion/sunday/war-really-is-going-out-of-style.html?_r=1&src=rechp

Wednesday, February 13:

- Exam 1 Review

Friday, February 15:

- Exam 1

Week 6 (February 18 - February 22): Why Are There Wars?

Monday, February 18:

- FLS. Pages 80-105

Wednesday, February 20:

- FLS. Pages 105-123

Friday, February 22:

- Video: *Wag the Dog*

Week 7 (February 25 – March 1): Domestic Politics and War

Monday, February 25:

- Video: *Wag the Dog*

Wednesday, February 27:

- FLS. Pages 124-143

Friday, March 1:

- FLS. Pages 143-167

Week 8 (March 4– March 8): Domestic Conflict: Civil War and Terrorism

Monday, March 4:

- FLS. Pages 214-242.

Wednesday, March 6:

- FLS. Pages 242-263.

Friday, March 8:

- *The Battle for Syria* Documentary:
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/battle-for-syria/#b>

Week 9 (March 11 - March 15): Spring Break

Week 10 (March 18 - March 22): International Institutions and War

Monday, March 18:

- No Class

Wednesday, March 20:

- No reading

Friday, March 22:

- No reading

Week 11 (March 25 - March 28): International Institutions and War

Monday, March 25:

- FLS. Pages 168-188.

Wednesday, March 27:

- FLS. Pages 188-213.

Week 12 (April 1 – April 5): Exam 2

Monday, April 1:

- Exam 2 Review

Wednesday, April 3:

- Exam 2

Friday, April 5: ISA Conference – No Class.

Week 13 (April 8 - April 12): International Trade

Monday, April 8:

- FLS. Pages 264-287.

Wednesday, April 10:

- FLS. Pages 287-305.

Friday, April 12: MPSA Conference – No Class.

Week 14 (April 15 – April 19): International Development: Causes of the Wealth and Poverty of Nations

Monday, April 15:

- FLS. Pages 386-406.

Wednesday, April 17:

- FLS. Pages 406-419.

Friday, April 19:

- FLS. Pages 492-505.

Week 15 (April 22 – April 26): The Future of International Relations

Monday, April 22:

- FLS. Pages 505-525.

Wednesday, April 24:

- FLS. Pages 534-557.

Friday, April 26:

- FLS. Pages 557-579.

Week 16 (April 29 - April 30): Finals Review

Monday, April 29:

- Finals Review

Final: Monday, May 6 8:00 - 10:30 (Section 001)

Wednesday, May 8 11:00 - 1:30 (Section 002)