

Political Science 2020: International Relations

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Time and Location:
M, W, F 10:00 - 10:50
BD-105

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. 2009. World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions. 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>
Midterm Exam	25%	Friday, October 12
Final Exam	25%	Wednesday, December 12 8:00 - 10:30
Unannounced Quiz (total of 5)	15% (3% each)	N/A
Paper Assignment	20%	Friday, November 16
Attendance/Participation	15%	N/A

Midterm - The test will be taken in class and consist of 20-25 questions and a short essay.

Final - The final exam will be taken in class and is cumulative. It will also consist of 20-25 questions, a short essay about a topic covered after midterm, and another short essay integrating everything we have learned.

Unannounced Quizzes - I will randomly assign 5 quizzes throughout the semester. These will be given in class and will concern the reading that is due for that day. I will assign them based on participation and feedback. 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 two exams.

Paper – Students will be expected to write a 10 page paper explaining the behavior of international actors or the outcome of a current (August – November 2012) and meaningful international situation using the explanations discussed in this course. This paper assignment will be twofold – one due date

concerns a preliminary outline and bibliography (10% of your grade) and the second regards the completed paper (15%). A more detailed explanation will be given during a later class.

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

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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Course Outline

Do the reading before coming to class on the specified day. I reserve the right to change readings to accommodate changes in schedule, pace, etc...

Wednesday, August 22: Review Syllabus

Friday, August 24: Introduction

Week 1 (August 27 - August 31): History of International Politics

Reading:

- Frieden, Jeffrey A., David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz. 2009. World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions. New York: W.W. Norton. Chapter 1

Week 2 (September 4 - September 7): Interests, Interactions, and Institutions

Readings:

- Frieden, Jeffrey A., David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz. 2009. World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions. New York: W.W. Norton. Chapter 2
- Walt, Stephen. 1998. International Relations: One World, Many Theories. Foreign Policy 110: 29-46.

Week 3 (September 10 - September 14): Why Are There Wars?

Readings:

- Frieden, Jeffrey A., David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz. 2009. World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions. New York: W.W. Norton. Chapter 3

- “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

Week 4 (September 17 - September 21): Domestic Politics and War I

Readings:

- Frieden, Jeffrey A., David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz. 2009. World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions. New York: W.W. Norton. Chapter 4

Week 5 (September 24 - September 28): Domestic Politics and War II

Reading:

- Video: The Fog of War
- Levy, Jack S. 1988. Domestic Politics and War. Journal of Interdisciplinary History 18(4): 653-673.

Week 6 (October 1 - October 5): International Institutions and War

Readings:

- Frieden, Jeffrey A., David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz. 2009. World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions. New York: W.W. Norton. Chapter 5
- Glennon, Michael. 2003. Why the Security Council Failed. Foreign Affairs 82(3): 16-35

Week 7 (October 10 - October 12): Midterm Review & Midterm

Week 8 (October 15 - October 19): International Trade

Readings:

- Frieden, Jeffrey A., David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz. 2009. World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions. New York: W.W. Norton. Chapter 6

Week 9 (October 22 - October 26): International Financial Relations

* Note – Outline and Bibliography due Monday, October 22 *

Readings:

- Frieden, Jeffrey A., David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz. 2009. World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions. New York: W.W. Norton. Chapter 7

Week 10 (October 29 - November 2): Development: Causes of the Wealth and Poverty of Nations

Readings:

- Frieden, Jeffrey A., David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz. 2009. World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions. New York: W.W. Norton. Chapter 9

Week 11 (November 5 - November 9): Human Rights

Readings:

- Frieden, Jeffrey A., David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz. 2009. World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions. New York: W.W. Norton. Chapter 11

Week 12 (November 12 - November 16): The Environment & International Politics

Readings:

- Frieden, Jeffrey A., David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz. 2009. World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions. New York: W.W. Norton. Chapter 12
- Hardin, Garrett. 1968. The Tragedy of the Commons. Science 162: 1243-1248
- Regis, Ed. 1997. The Doomslayer. Wired 5(2). Available at: http://www.wired.com/wired/archive/5.02/ffsimon_pr.html

Week 13 (November 19): TBA

Week 14 (November 26 - November 30): The Future of International Relations

* Note – Completed Paper Due Monday, November 26 *

Readings:

- Frieden, Jeffrey A., David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz. 2009. World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions. New York: W.W. Norton. Chapter 13
- Selections from Fukuyama, Francis. 1989. The End of History. The National Interest
- Mandelbaum, Michael. 2006. David's Friend Goliath. Foreign Policy, 152: 50-56

Week 15 (December 3): Finals Review

Final: Wednesday, December 12 8:00 - 10:30