

Introduction to International Relations (POLS 175)

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OBJECTIVES

This course examines some of the major theories and issues in the study of international relations for a better understanding of international political phenomena. These include approaches (traditional and scientific) and perspectives in international relations (idealism and realism), actors in international system (nation-state, sub-state and non-state actors, such as IGO and NGO), power and measurement of power, international conflict, foreign policy, international political economy (Mercantilism, Liberalism, Marxism, International Trade and Monetary Regime, North-South Relations etc.), international law & organization, environment issues, international integration and international development.

REQUIREMENTS

Three exams (30% each)--**No make-up exam will be given unless students have a university approved excuse.**

Pop Quiz (10%)--I may give you a pop quiz at the beginning and/or the end of the class.

Required Textbook: Lamy, Steven, John Baylis, Steve Smith, and Patricia Owens. 2013. 2nd ed. New York: Oxford University Press.

Participation by Students with Disabilities: If you need special accommodations in order to meet any of the requirements of this course, please contact me as soon as possible.

Accommodation for Religious Observances: Students will be allowed to complete examinations or other requirements that are missed for religious observances.

Academic Misconduct: The University has a responsibility to promote academic honesty and integrity and to develop procedures to deal effectively with instances of academic dishonesty. Students are responsible for the honest completion and representation of their work, for the appropriate citation of sources, and for the respect of other's academic endeavors. Academic Prohibited conduct includes cheating on an examination; collaborating with others in work to be presented, contrary to the stated rules of the course; submitting a paper or assignment as one's own work when a part or all of the paper or assignment is the work of another; submitting a

paper or assignment that contains ideas or research of others without appropriately identifying the sources of those ideas; stealing examinations or course materials; submitting, if contrary to the rules of a course, work previously presented in another course; tampering with the laboratory experiment or computer program of another student; knowingly and intentionally assisting another student in any of the above, including assistance in an arrangement whereby any work, classroom performance, examination or other activity is submitted or performed by a person other than the student under whose name the work is submitted or performed.

Drop Policy: See the Schedule of Classes.

Course Outline

Week 1 (September 3 & 5). Introduction to Global Politics

Reading: Lamy et al. Ch. 1

Week 2 (September 10 & 12) The Evolution and Theories of Global Politics

Reading: Lamy et al. Ch. 2 & 3.

Week 3 (September 17 & 19). The Theories of Global Politics: Realism & Liberalism

Reading: Lamy et al. Ch. 3.

Week 4 (September 24 & 26). The Theories of Global Politics: Critical Approaches

Reading: Lamy et al. Ch. 4.

Week 5 (October 1) Review for the Test & Catch Up

First Exam: October 3 (Thursday)

Week 6 (October 8 & 10). Making Foreign Policy

Reading: Lamy et al. Ch. 5.

Week 7 (October 15 & 17). Global Actors

Reading: Lamy et al. Ch. 6 & 7

Week 8 (October 22 & 24). International Security

Reading: Lamy et al. Ch. 8.

Week 9 (October 29) Review for the Test & Catch Up

Second Exam October 31 (Thursday)

Week 10 (November 5 & 7): The Fog of War & Terrorism

Reading: Lamy et al. Ch. 9.

Week 11 (November 12 & 14). Human Rights & International Political Economy
Reading: Lamy et al. Ch. 10 & 11.

Week 12 & 13 (November 19 & 21 & 26) Global Trade and Finance
Reading: Lamy et al. Ch. 11 & 12.

November 28: Thanksgiving

Week 14 (December 3 & 5). The North-South Relationship
Reading: Lamy et al. Ch. 13.

Week 15 (December 10 & 12) Environmental Issues & Conclusion
Reading: Reading: Lamy et al. Ch. 14.

Final Exam: 10:00-12:00 December 17 (Tuesday)