

Introduction to International Relations
Political Science 175
Section 002

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course will provide you with both a broad and detailed introduction to international relations. You will be presented with theoretical concepts and empirical information that will allow you to critically examine world issues and events. Specifically, you will learn about such topics as perspectives in international relations (idealism and realism), actors in the international system, international conflict, foreign policy, power, international political economy and international trade, development, the environment, international law, and the new world order as well as many other related topics. The objective of this course is to ensure that you understand why, how, and in what ways nation-states and other international actors interact in the world arena and how this affects you both directly and indirectly.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Goldstein, Joshua S., and Jon C. Pevehouse. 2013. *International Relations*. 10th ed. 2012-2013 Update. New York: Pearson Longman.

The text is available in the university bookstore. You are certainly welcome to purchase it elsewhere; just make sure you get the correct textbook and that you get it in a reasonable period of time. You are expected to keep up with the readings, which means that you should read all assigned materials *before* coming to class. Only in doing so will you be able to participate fully in class discussions. Getting an A or B in this class is highly contingent on reading the assigned chapters and keeping up with what's going on in and out of class. Along these lines, I recommend reading a national newspaper, watching some form of national news on TV, or accessing national news via the internet or radio. We will be discussing current issues as they relate to people and politics throughout the semester and it is in your best interest to keep up with late-breaking news.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: Your grade will be based on the following components: three exams, and five quizzes. The calculation of your grade will be determined as follows:

EXAM 1: 25% (**Tuesday, February 19, in class**)
EXAM 2: 25% (**Thursday, March 28, in class**)
FINAL EXAM: 30% (**Wednesday, May 15, 12:30-2:30 PM**)
QUIZZES: 20%

94%-100% = A	90%-93% = A-	
87%-89% = B+	84%-86% = B	80%-83% = B-
77%-79% = C+	74%-76% = C	70%-73% = C-
67%-69% = D+	64%-66% = D	60%-63% = D-
0%-59% = F		

EXAMS: All of the exams will cover material included in the assigned readings and class lectures. The first and second exams will only include material covered up to each exam date. The final exam will be NOT be comprehensive. All exams may include map identifications, true/false statements, multiple-choice questions, matching sections, and identifications. All students are expected to take the exams on the assigned dates. *Absolutely no makeup exams will be given without a university-approved excuse.* **If you have a university-approved excuse and miss an exam, get in touch with me immediately, beforehand if possible. If you miss an exam without giving me prior notice, you MUST contact me within 24 hours of that exam to schedule a make-up or you will not be allowed to take a make-up under any circumstances.** Also, according to university policy, final examinations cannot be scheduled at a different time during the examination period or at a time preceding the examination period.

QUIZZES: I will administer 5 quizzes periodically throughout the semester. These quizzes will be based on assigned readings. I will announce the dates of quizzes one week prior to when they will be administered. Therefore, it is obviously in your interest to regularly attend lectures so that you will be aware of upcoming quizzes. I will also announce quizzes on the D2L website so be sure to access it often. These quizzes will ordinarily consist of 10 multiple choice and true/false questions and will be administered at the beginning of the class session; therefore, you will need to be in class on time. Make-up quizzes will be administered only in cases where the student has a bona fide and documented reason for missing the quiz, i.e., sickness, family emergency, etc. Each quiz will be worth 20 points.

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION: Attending class lectures is an integral part of succeeding in this course; therefore, I will take attendance each day. I understand that students get sick and have other bona fide reasons for missing class from time to time. However, if I feel that you are missing too many classes I will inquire as to the reasons why. I also reserve the right to suggest that you drop the course or if it is too late to do so to penalize your grade appropriately. You will also be expected to contribute in a meaningful fashion to class discussions and/or answering questions concerning class readings. Of course, if you are not in attendance or have not done the assigned reading, then your grade will be negatively affected. Moreover, high grades on exams will be difficult to attain if attendance and participation are not regular because lectures and class discussions will cover material not included in the texts and test questions will also come from these lectures and discussions. I may give pop quizzes if I feel that attendance is slipping and/or the reading is not being done. No extra credit assignments will be given. You may also be invited to participate during a normal class period in a foreign

policy experiment under my direction (this is actually a pleasant diversion from the normal class lectures and discussion ☺).

UWM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has several policies concerning students with disabilities, accommodations for religious observances, students called to active military duty, incompletes, discriminatory conduct, academic misconduct, and so forth available for you to read using the following link: <http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SecU/SyllabusLinks.pdf>. I strongly encourage you to access this link and familiarize yourself with these policies and procedures.

TOPICS, READING ASSIGNMENTS, AND EXAM SCHEDULE: (Tentative and subject to change; lectures will also draw from sources not covered in the readings)

Introduction

1. Understanding International Relations and Globalization

IR as a Field of Study, Approaches and Methods in studying IR, Actors in the International System, Level of Analysis, History and Geography
Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 1

2. Power and Alternatives to Power

Concept of Power, Measuring Power, Types of Power, Distribution of Power
Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 2, 3

3. Nation-States and Nonstate Actors

Nation-states, Roles of Government, Substate Actors, Foreign Policy, Integration
Reading: Goldstein, Chps. 4, 10

First Exam: February 19 (Tuesday)

4. International Conflict

Causes of War, Types of Conflicts, Terrorism, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Deterrence
Reading: Goldstein, Chps. 5, 6

5. International Justice

International Organizations and Law, World Order, The United Nations, International Law and Sovereignty, Human Rights
Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 7

6. Environment and Population

Interdependence and the Environment, Managing the Environment, Natural Resources, Pollution, Population, Migration
Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 11

7. Crime and Health Issues

Drugs, Slavery and Human Trafficking, Diseases

Second Exam: March 28 (Thursday)

8. International Political Economy and Globalization

Markets, Trade Strategies, Trade Regimes, Ideologies in IPE

Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 8

9. Global Finance and Business

The Currency System, State Financial Positions, Multinational Business

Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 9

10. The North-South Gap

Poverty, Theories of Accumulation, Imperialism, The State of the South, Revolution

Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 12

11. International Development

Development Models, North-South Business, Foreign Assistance

Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 13

12. The Future of International Relations

Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 14

Final Exam: May 15 (Wednesday), 12:30-2:30 PM