

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%)—There will be 10 pop quizzes at the beginning or the end of the class.

Required Textbook: Joshua Goldstein & Jon Pevehouse. 2014. International Relations, 10th. ed. 2013-2014 Update Edition. Pearson Longman. **2 copies are available on reserve.** **You are welcome to use old editions as the changes are limited, but it is your responsibility to find out the difference between old editions and the new one.

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.

Grading Scale

Grades will be calculated on a 100-point scale that breaks down as follows. There is no other extra credit or curve.

A = 90-100	A- = 85-89.9		
B+ = 80-84.9	B = 75-79.9	B- = 70-74.9	
C+ = 65-69.9	C = 60-64.9	C- = 55-59.9	
D+ = 50-54.9	D = 45-49.9	D- = 40-44.9	F = Below 40

Course Outline

Week 1 (September 3). Introduction

Week 2 (September 8 & 10) The Globalization of International Relations
Reading: Goldstein & Pevehouse, Ch. 1

Week 3 (September 15 & 17) Realist Theories
Reading: Goldstein & Pevehouse, Ch. 2

Week 4 (September 22 & 24), Liberal and Social Theories
Reading: Goldstein & Pevehouse, Ch. 3

Week 5 (September 29 & October 1) Foreign Policy
Reading: Goldstein & Pevehouse, Ch. 4

First Exam: October 6 (Tuesday)

Week 6 (October 8) International Conflict
Reading: Goldstein & Pevehouse, Ch. 5

Week 7 (October 13 & 15) Military Force and Terrorism
Reading: Goldstein & Pevehouse, Ch. 6

Week 8 (October 20 & 22). International Organization, Law, and Human Rights
Reading: Goldstein & Pevehouse, Ch. 7

Week 9 (October 27 & 29). International Trade
Reading: Goldstein & Pevehouse, Ch. 8

Second Exam: November 3 (Tuesday)

Week 10 (November 5). Global Finance and Business
Reading: Goldstein & Pevehouse, Ch. 9

Week 11 (November 10 & 12). Global Finance and Business & International Integration
Reading: Goldstein & Pevehouse, Ch. 10

Week 12 (November 17 & 19). Environment and Population
Reading: Goldstein & Pevehouse, Ch. 11

Week 13 (November 24). The North-South Gap
Reading: Goldstein & Pevehouse, Ch. 12

November 26 Thanksgiving Break: No Class

Week 14 (December 1 & 3). The North-South Gap & International Development
Reading: Goldstein & Pevehouse, Ch. 13

Week 14 (December 8 & 10). International Development & Wrap Up
Reading: Goldstein & Pevehouse, Ch. 13

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