

INTL 3200 Spring 2018

INTL 3200 Introduction to International Relations

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Objectives:

This class is intended to lay the analytic foundation for a study of international politics. The course is anchored to questions like: Why war? What are the goals of states? When is international cooperation possible? What is the role of governments in shaping the global economy? Together we will explore proposed answers to these questions (and many others). With a critical eye, we will compare and contrast competing explanations.

Requirements:

There will be *four (4) unannounced in-class examinations*. Each exam will be worth 40 points. Each exam will cover readings and lecture material, and combine essays (lecture material) and multiple choice (readings).

There will be no make-up quizzes without medical documentation explaining the absence.

There is no attendance policy for this class. However, note above that exams will not be announced in advance.

Cheating or plagiarism constitute grounds for course failure.

A 100-93

A- 92-90

B+ 89-87

B 86- 83

B- 82-80

C+ 79-77

C 76-73

C- 72-70

D 69-60

F 59 and below

Readings:

****Note the editions****

There are two texts for this class. The first is International Relations by Goldstein (10th). While a standard introductory text in most respects, it is unique in that the focus is upon the relationship between a state's strategic environment and its ability to pursue foreign policy objectives. It thus serves as a good complement to material presented in class. The second text is International Relations Theory by Viotti and Kauppi (5th edition.). This is a text combined with "selected readings" at the end of each chapter. It emphasizes the current theoretical debates in international relations from competing perspectives.

The purpose in assigning both texts is NOT to have you memorize the material. Instead, you will be asked to critically assess the logical grounding of the authors' comments against the ideas and arguments presented in class. Both texts are available at the bookstore for your purchase. However, used copies may be less expensive elsewhere.

Below outlines a timetable for the completion of the assigned readings. These

are intended as groundwork for the material presented in class. The lectures will introduce new material, but the order of topics will generally coincide with the readings. Also, the reading burden for this course is not heavy. I intend this deliberately. There are no excuses for not completing the readings in a timely fashion. That is my 'carrot', the incentive for you to stay current with the readings. The 'stick' rests both in the fact that a careful and considered completion of the assigned readings is essential for success in this course, and that the examinations are structured to ensure this.

Schedule

Jan. 4: Introduction

Jan. 8: Theorizing about International Politics

- G. Ch.1
- V&K. Ch.1 (including the selected readings for that chapter)

Jan. 15: Important Actors

- G. Ch.7

Jan 22:Anarchy & States Goals

- V&K Ch.2 and from selected readings
- Thucydides, Machiavelli, Thomas Hobbes, Rousseau

Jan. 29: Power

- G. Ch.2 & 6
- V&K Ch. 2 selected readings
- Joseph Nye, Kenneth Walt

Feb. 5: Power (continued)

- G. Ch.3
- V&K. Ch.3

Feb. 12: Decision Making

- G. Ch.4

Feb. 19: Strategic Games

- (No readings)

Feb. 26: Cooperation/Integration

- G. Ch.10

Mar. 5: Domestic Influences

- V&K Ch.4 (including the selected readings for that chapter)

****Week of March 12: Spring Break****

Mar. 19: War

- G. Ch.5

Mar. 26: War (continued)

- V&K Ch.9 pp.391-412

April 2: Trade

- G. Ch.8

April 9: Trade (continued)

- G. Ch.9

April 16: Nuclear Deterrence and Proliferation/Environment/Development

- G Ch.11, 13

April 22: Wrap-up

* No readings