INTL 3200 Introduction to International Relations UGA Chapel / MWF 11:30-12:20

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the theories and concepts that scholars use to study international relations. We will examine the various actors that play a role in international politics (e.g., states, leaders, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, norms), what their interests are, and how they interact with each other in conflict, economic relations, and in building institutions for cooperation.

The course provides an overview of the major theoretical lenses that are used to interpret the behavior of international actors. With this foundation in place, we will examine questions tied to specific issue areas, such as: Why do states go to war? Why are some states allowed to have nuclear weapons and not others? Why do some groups resort to terrorism? What is the United Nations and what can it do? Why do states cooperate (sometimes) and join international institutions like the World Trade Organization or the International Criminal Court? What are the benefits and costs of free trade? How does climate change pose a national security threat? Students will be exposed to different perspectives on these issues with the intention that they will leave the course able to think and argue critically about international relations.

<u>LEARNING GOALS</u> ~ Upon completion of this course, you should be (better) able to:

- Identify the key actors and institutions within the international system.
- Understand the interests of different state, transnational, and non-state actors.
- Describe and critique the major approaches to the study of international relations.
- Discuss the major causes and effects of international conflict and cooperation.
- Think analytically and critically about international interactions., and
- Apply their knowledge to real-world problems

We will often discuss contentious political issues and I expect all students to treat each other – and their ideas – with respect, even as we might disagree with each other. You should discredit ideas and arguments, not people. Interruptions, slurs, or making fun of students or their views will not be tolerated. Responses should be respectful, utilize facts, and include complimentary language as well.

COURSE STRUCTURE, REQUIREMENTS, AND ASSESSMENT

<u>*READINGS*</u> ~ We will use one <u>strongly recommended</u> textbook for the course:

Joshua S. Goldstein and Jon C. Pevehouse. International Relations. Brief 8th Edition. Pearson. ISBN-13: 978-0134406350

- Students are also required to purchase a subscription to Statecraft Simulation [details below (\$35).
- Please Note: You are welcome to use the e-book or an earlier edition of the book if it is easier/more economical for you.
- Additional readings (as posted in the schedule or eLC)
- You are also required to follow international news daily by either using the Internet or by subscribing to a major national daily. Current events questions will be part of quizzes and/or exams.

<u>COURSE FORMAT AND CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19</u> ~ This semester, there are several priorities I am attempting to balance. First and foremost is the safety of our community. The second priority of mine is to maintain the academic rigor of our course while also prioritizing compassion and patience. And third is to provide a format for this course that is flexible enough to adapt to each student's individual situations as well as the ever-changing, global pandemic. In order to balance all of these concerns, this class will operate in a hybrid form between face-to-face instruction and remote learning. This will require changes from the traditional instruction format. Please read the following information carefully:

- <u>In-person attendance is neither required nor necessary</u>. All the activities and learning material to complete this course successfully will be fully available online through UGA's eLearning Commons (ELC) portal. Some of you may wish to take this course completely online, while others may wish to attend in person as often as possible. Either way is fine. You will not be punished in any way for exclusively participating in this class online. To ensure as much flexibility and autonomy as possible, each class will be available in all three formats: in-person (not encouraged), synchronously on Zoom and asynchronously after the class.
- During this time of social distancing, the Office of the Vice President of Instruction created new maximum capacities for each classroom on campus to ensure the opportunity for all students to keep at least six feet apart while in the classroom. The socially distanced class capacity of the Chapel is 86, which means you are eligible to attend any Wednesday or Friday class in-person if you so desire.
- During add/drop period, classes will be held online only to facilitate transfers and to test technology and procedures that will be important for the rest of the semester.
- **<u>Prohibition on Recording Lectures.</u>** In the absence of written authorization from the UGA Disability Resource Center, students may not make a visual or audio recording of any aspect of this course. Students who have a recording accommodation agree in writing that they:
 - Will use the records only for personal academic use during the specific course.

- Understand that faculty members have copyright interest in their class lectures and that they agree not to infringe on this right in any way.
- Understand that the faculty member and students in the class have privacy rights and agree not to violate those rights by using recordings for any reason other than their own personal study.
- Will not release, digitally upload, broadcast, transcribe, or otherwise share all or any part of the recordings. They also agree that they will not profit financially and will not allow others to benefit personally or financially from lecture recordings or other course materials.
- Will erase/delete all recordings at the end of the semester.
- Understand that violation of these terms may subject them to discipline under the Student Code of Conduct or subject them to liability under copyright laws.
- **Mondays** will be "content focused" days for asynchronous learning, where you are expected to watch the bulk of the lecture videos for the module and complete the required readings.
- Monday Office Hours: In addition to full-class meetings throughout the week, students and I will meet via Zoom on Mondays as well if a student has a more individualized question to ask me one-on-one. Fifteen-minute appointment times can be reserved on https://calendly.com/gulcansaglam/office-hours by scrolling to the date and time on the calendar provided and adding your name and the question or topic you would like to discuss in an appointment slot. If you believe your topic requires more than 15 minutes to discuss, please feel free to reserve multiple slots. If these times do not work for you, please email me (gsaglam@uga.edu) and I would be happy to schedule another time.
- Wednesdays and Friday, we will have in-person/synchronous class meeting addressing the module discussion question and current global events. Wednesday sessions will usually be devoted to addressing the module discussion question. Fridays will usually be devoted to Statecraft simulation.
 - Remember, you <u>MUST</u> watch the lecture videos and complete your required readings <u>BEFORE</u> the class on Wednesday if you plan to attend the class discussion in-person or synchronously over the Zoom.
 - If you choose to attend class in-person, you are **REQUIRED** to have a Zoomcapable device with you to participate, as well as headphones that you can use with that device. As our class will be split, we will have to ensure that all members of the class can communicate with one another. Your Zoom-capable device will enable you to participate in class and hear your classmates that are unable to be in the room that day.
 - If you attend class in-person, you are **REQUIRED** to wear a face covering. The University of Georgia requires all faculty, staff, students, and visitors to wear an appropriate face covering over the nose and mouth while indoors and maintain social distancing (at least six feet). Anyone not using a face covering when required will be asked to wear one or must leave the area. Reasonable accommodations may be made for those who are unable to wear a face covering for documented health reasons.

- If you choose to attend via Zoom, you are **REQUIRED** to be **visibly present** (no screen saver). The purpose of your participation in the zoom meeting is to be actively engaged in the discussion.
- This set up ensures that all students, no matter their health status, have the ability to take part in the kinds of active, engaged discussion with peers that are essential to learning in this course. Moreover, these sessions, in addition to office hours, allow students who are unable to attend face-to-face discussions the opportunity to directly engage and get to know me and their colleagues. (Indeed, participating via Zoom may be an easier way to build personal connections as there is no need to be masked or distanced.)

<u>ONLINE COURSE OUTLINE</u> ~ The course consists of 15 modules (including the Welcome Module). Each module opens on Sunday (12:01 am) and closes the following Saturday (11:59 pm). **All module quizzes and assignments are due before the module closes at 11:59 pm**, unless otherwise noted. Each module includes:

- Lectures: Short lecture videos explaining the key concepts of the week,
- **Readings**: The required readings for the course include journal articles, book chapters, and newspaper clippings, videos, podcasts, documentaries designed to help you gain the necessary background information about the module topic. Lectures and class discussion are intended to supplement, not duplicate, the readings.
- An open-note module quiz: At the end of each module, there will be an open-note, short multiple-choice quiz for you to complete. These quizzes are intended to ensure that you are actively engaging with the online material.
- A module discussion question: Each module will have a discussion question that all students need to answer (approximately 300 words).
 - This discussion question will also form the centerpiece of our in-class/virtual discussion on Wednesdays. You can choose to participate in the discussion of this question in-person, synchronously via Zoom during our set class time, or asynchronously (meaning on your own time).
 - In order to earn credit for answering the discussion question, you must submit one original post and one response to a classmate for each discussion question before the end of the module. This will give everyone the opportunity to engage with colleagues and consider alternative perspectives.

<u>COURSE ASSESSMENT</u> ~ Student performance will be evaluated based on the following:

*** We are still in the middle of a global pandemic and all of us need some compassion. That's why **I will drop the lowest module quiz, discussion, and Simulation memo grade,** which allows you to miss <u>one</u> weekly assignment (module quiz, discussion, or simulation memo) without any penalty. You can use this as you like (e.g., illness, sports travel, interviews, sleep, conferences). Please get in touch with me immediately if there are extenuating circumstances that may lead you to miss more than one module assignment.

Assignment	Description	% of Final Grade	Due Date
Module Quiz		35%	Saturday. at 11:59 pm (EST) each week
Module Discussion		35%	Saturday at 11:59 pm (EST) each week
	Foreign Policy Attitude Survey		January 30th at 11:59 pm due to Statecraft
Statecraft Simulation	Manual Quiz 1	2.5%	Jan 30th at 11:59 pm (EST) due to Statecraft
30% of your final grade	Manual Quiz 2	2.5%	Feb 6th 1:59 pm (EST) due to Statecraft
	Simulation Memo	10%	Saturday. at 11:59 pm (EST) each week
	Performance	0.05	When the simulation ends
	Final Essay	10%	May 1st 11:59 pm (EST) due to eLC Dropbox

Module Quizzes (35% of the final grade): An important aspect of any course is for students to be able to assess how well they fully understand the material being presented. To better allow all students the opportunity to engage with the material thoroughly (even as they may not be present in the in-person classroom) I have created quizzes on eLC that encourage students to answer questions about the material presented in the Module and begin practicing using this material to answer both hypothetical and real-world problems. Quizzes will draw on all materials from that module such as lecture videos, assigned readings/podcasts, and any additional materials assigned for the module's discussion question.

- All quizzes are open-books and open-notes quizzes. These quizzes will be automatically graded to provide immediate feedback for the student.
- Module quizzes will allow <u>two</u> attempts for the same quiz, to present students with the opportunity to learn from and improve on their comprehension of the material. After the final quiz attempt is submitted, only the highest attempt score will be counted toward that student's quiz score. Be aware that quizzes in which no attempt was made will not be accepted past the deadlines (mentioned in the schedule below), so please be sure to work well ahead of these deadlines.
- All quizzes are due before 11:59 pm on the day scheduled (see below).
- Late submissions will not be accepted. Thus, it is strongly advised to work ahead of the deadlines.

Module Discussion (35% of the final grade): Each module will have a discussion question to which you need to write a written response (around 300 words). As the directions above note, your

response is to be grounded in the assigned materials and will engage the ideas of other students in the class. In order to earn credit for answering the discussion question you must upload your response to the appropriate discussion board before the end of the module. To ensure that everyone has had the opportunity to engage with colleagues and consider alternative perspectives, students should also respond to a previous student's post in addition to answering the question. You can respond as often as you like, of course...you are not limited to one. The idea is to get a conversation going.

- You <u>MUST</u> type your assignment directly into the dialogue box provided for the appropriate discussion board, not upload it as a word or google doc. The assignment may require you to refer to class readings, the lecture video, any required audio or video, and/or some outside sources.
- You will need to properly cite any sources you use other than my lecture videos. You may use any citation format you are familiar with as long as you cite your resources properly and correctly.
- The grading rubric for module discussions is available under Contents → Welcome Module
 → Discussion Boards → Discussion Board Rubric

Statecraft Simulation - An integral part of this course will be your participation in an online international politics simulation called Statecraft. Participation in the simulation will account for 30% of your final grade.

- a) A foreign policy **attitude survey** (due Jan 30th 11:59 pm (EST): **You must complete this quick survey to get assigned to a country,**
- b) **Two manual quizzes** (due by 11:59 pm on Jan 30th and Feb 6th respectively; **5% of course grade**),
- c) Simulation memos 10% of course grade: Each student must submit a memo of at least 300 words each week BEFORE the turn ends (i.e. Saturday at 11:59 pm) using the link on Statecraft. In general these memos should reflect on your activity that week, the dynamics of the statecraft world that relate to the theories we've read about and discussed in class, and the connections between your statecraft world and current events, however some weeks you will be given a specific prompt. These memos are intended to ensure that you are actively participating and thinking about the simulation each week, and will hopefully provide some foundation for your final simulation essay. Your grade will be based on completion (not content), however memos that indicate a lack of seriousness on your part will not be counted. Late memos submitted at 00:01am and later, and memos shorter than 300 words will not be counted.
- d) Performance 5% of course grade (based on your country's Quality of Life score)
 **Possible +3% Extra Credit
- e) **Final Essay 10% of course grade** A short essay (maximum two pages) to one of the provided prompts

More details on guidelines and grading for the simulation is available on eLC \rightarrow Content \rightarrow Welcome Module \rightarrow Statecraft Simulation

<u>*GRADING SCALE*</u> ~ Please note that if you have specific grade requirements (for your major, for your scholarship, etc.), you need to make sure you work towards them from the beginning of the semester. Any efforts to get me to change your grade at the end of an assignment or the semester based on your sudden realization that you need a better grade than you actually earned will NOT be accommodated. I am more than happy to work with you throughout the semester. It is, therefore, in your best interest to talk to me early on. If you encounter any problems, you need to let me know so that I can help you as much as possible. I will not be able to help you after deadlines have passed, and the semester is over.

А	93 - 100 points	С	73 – 76 points
A-	90 – 92 points	C-	70 – 72 points
B+	87 – 89 points	D+	67 – 69 points
В	83 – 86 points	D	63 – 66 points
B-	80 – 82 points	D-	60 – 62 points
C+	77 – 79 points	F	59 and below

COURSE POLICIES

Communication and Email: I will keep you updated about the course and any changes to the syllabus through the "ANNOUNCEMENTS" board on the class ELC page.

- To register for "Announcement Notifications" click on your name in the upper right-hand corner of the class eLC page > Notifications > Scroll down to "Instant Notifications > check the boxes for "Announcements"
- * You can choose to have notifications sent to you by email or text message students in the past have suggested that email is better as the content is incomplete in a text message.

I can respond quickly and effectively to your emails if you clearly identify some important information in your emails. Here is what helps:

- * Before you email me, please check the syllabus, welcome module, and the announcements page of the ELC site to be sure that your question has not been previously addressed. ELC problems are no excuse for having missed quizzes or announcements!
- * Please use appropriate salutations including my name in the opening and your name in the closing (Hint: you can't go wrong with "Hi Professor Saglam" or "Hi Dr. Saglam"). For further guidance see http://www.wikihow.com/Emaila-Professor
- * Please use your UGA email account and include your course number in the subject line. (e.g. I am in your MWF INTL XXXX class. OR I am in your MWF 9 o'clock XXXX class.)
- * Sign your name as you are enrolled in the course sometimes UGA email header does not include your name.
- * During the workweek, I generally respond to emails in a timely manner (usually within 24 hours). On weekends, I do not check emails regularly. Please do not expect a response before the beginning of the workweek.

The Use of Technology: It is important that you have reliable internet service, particularly as some of the assignments are time sensitive. You will also need access to a computer that allows you to engage with audiovisual content, such as YouTube videos. If you experience technical issues, you can contact the EITS Help Desk at: helpdesk@uga.edu. Please talk to me immediately if you are expecting to have computer or reliable internet problems this semester.

Finally, you're responsible for being aware of times when ELC is down for maintenance and for ensuring that all your work is submitted by the times noted (in Eastern Standard Time – which is important for you to note if traveling to a different time zone). As a best practice, please submit your work well before the deadlines as technical problems do happen. In the case of a rare technical problem, please notify me about the technical issue within 15 minutes of a deadline.

Late Assignments: The weekly assignments in the course are designed to build a base understanding of key concepts. It is essential that you finish working on earlier modules to comprehend the later ones. As a result, it is especially important to (1) be aware of the deadlines for each assignment and (2) work well ahead of the deadlines. All assignments will automatically lock on eLC after the time at which they are due. No late submission will be accepted unless you talk to me about an extension because you need to finish these assignments on time to do well in this class.

Late written assignments will be penalized 5% of your overall grade for each day late. This means that an accepted assignment submitted anytime within the first 24 hours after the deadline that might have earned a 95 (an A) would instead receive a 90 (an A-) and so forth. Since I will have to read your papers and submit grades in time, **late submission of the Final Simulation Essay will not be accepted or reviewed.**

Having said that, I know that we are in the middle of a frigging pandemic and legitimate emergencies will arise during the term. If that happens to be the case, please let me know <u>as early</u> <u>as possible</u> so that we can work out alternative arrangement for you to complete your work within a reasonable period of time. I am fully committed to making sure that you learn everything you were hoping to learn from this class. I will be flexible and lenient. If you tell me you're having trouble, I will not judge you or think less of you. I hope you'll extend me the grace.

Formatting: All written assignments should meet the following formatting requirements: Times New Roman, 12-point font, double spaced, 1" margins, and page number in the bottom right-hand corner.

Contested Grades: Students wishing to contest a grade must wait 24 hours after their assignment/exam has been returned to make an appointment to see me. During that appointment, students should come prepared with (1) a typed explanation of what the best possible response to the prompt would look like, (2) a typed explanation of how their work compares to that best answer, and (3) their class and reading notes. All requests for such meetings must be made within one week of the date the assignment/exam was returned. I shall re-evaluate your work and assign a "new" grade. Note, however, that this process may result in the same grade, a higher grade, or indeed a lower grade for that assignment. You are allowed this one appeal for each graded assignment; the re-grade will then stand.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: UGA is committed to providing equal access to academic programs and university-administered activities and reasonable modifications to students with disabilities. Students in need of academic accommodations need to request such services from the Disability Resource Center located at 114 Clark Howell Hall (for more information visit www.drc.uga.edu) and should make an appointment to see me with their appropriate paperwork from the DRC within the first two weeks of classes.

Netiquette and Policy on Disruptive Behavior: I will take your viewpoints seriously and want all of us to learn from one another over the course of the semester. In order to make this a successful class, it is important that we create an environment where everyone has an opportunity to learn. To facilitate this goal, I expect students to treat each other with respect, listen to conflicting opinions, and seek to discredit arguments rather than people. (Please, refer to the university policy on disruptive behavior and note that I reserve the right to remove students from class for disruptive and/or disrespectful behavior towards me or other students.)

Policy on academic dishonesty: I take academic honesty VERY seriously. In the interests of fairness and academic integrity, university policies will be strictly enforced. As a University of Georgia student, you have agreed to abide by the University's academic honesty policy, "A Culture of Honesty," and the Student Honor Code. All academic work must meet the standards described in "A Culture of Honesty" found at: http://www.uga.edu/honesty. Lack of knowledge of the academic honesty policy is not a reasonable explanation for a violation. Any student caught cheating or plagiarizing will be referred to Judicial Affairs, as required by university policy. Make sure that you understand how to avoid charges of academic dishonesty.

UGA COVID Information for Students: Please perform a quick symptom check each weekday on DawgCheck—on the UGA app or website—whether you feel sick or not. It will help health providers monitor the health situation on campus: <u>https://dawgcheck.uga.edu/</u>.

- Students showing symptoms should self-isolate and schedule an appointment with the University Health Center by calling 706-542-1162 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.). Please DO NOT walk- in. For emergencies and after-hours care, see https://www.uhs.uga.edu/info/emergencies.
- Students who learn they have been directly exposed to COVID-19 but are not showing symptoms should self-quarantine for 14 days consistent with Department of Public Health (DPH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. Please correspond with your instructor via email, with a cc: to Student Care & Outreach at sco@uga.edu, to coordinate continuing your coursework while self-quarantined. If you develop symptoms, you should contact the University Health Center to make an appointment to be tested. You should continue to monitor your symptoms daily on DawgCheck.
- Students who are demonstrating symptoms of COVID-19 should call the University Health Center. UHC is offering testing by appointment for students; appointments may be booked by calling 706-542-1162.
- Any student with a positive COVID-19 test is required to report the test in DawgCheck and should self-isolate immediately. Students should not attend classes in-person until the isolation period is completed. Once you report the positive test through DawgCheck, UGA Student Care and Outreach will follow up with you.

Mental Health and Wellness Resources

UGA has a vast array of resources to support students facing a variety of challenges. Please don't hesitate to come to speak with me or contact these resources directly:

- If you or someone you know needs assistance, you are encouraged to contact Student Care and Outreach in the Division of Student Affairs at 706-542-7774 or visit https://sco.uga.edu. They will help you navigate any difficult circumstances you may be facing by connecting you with the appropriate resources or services.
 - If you need help managing stress anxiety, relationships, etc., please visit BeWellUGA (https://www.uhs.uga.edu/bewelluga/bewelluga) for a list of FREE workshops, classes, mentoring, and health coaching led by licensed clinicians and health educators in the University Health Center.
 - Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) 706-542-2273 (during regular business hours)
 - After Hour Mental Health Crisis: 706-542-2200 (UGA Police—ask to speak to the CAPS on-call clinician)
- Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention 706-542-SAFE (Please note, faculty and staff are obligated to report any knowledge of sexual assault/relationship violence to UGA's Equal Opportunity Office. The advocates at RSVP can provide student confidentially).

This syllabus provides a general plan for the course, and deviations may be necessary.

COURSE SCHEDULE

 Welcome Module: Course Introduction

 (Jan 13-Jan 16)

 Lectures:

 • Course Introduction Video

Readings:

• Syllabus

What is due Jan 16th 11:59 pm (EST):

- Syllabus Quiz
- Welcome Module Assignment: Post your introduction to "Getting to Know You" Discussion Board

Everyone should introduce themselves by replying to this discussion board with the information below (and anything else you think might be relevant for us to get to know you).

Your introduction should include:

- The name you prefer to be called (especially if different than the name on my roster)
- Preferred pronouns
- Where you're from (however you choose to identify that)
- Your year and major(s) at UGA

- What types of IA experiences have you had (i.e. study abroad, internships, CURO research, etc.)?
- Why you are taking this course and what you hope to get out of it?
- Fun facts or hobbies?
- If you could have dinner with one politically relevant person in history (dead or alive) who would it be, why, and what would you get to eat?

Students may upload a video introduction in place of a written on and earn 1-point extra credit toward their final grade as long as they include the required information.

Module 1: The Nature of the International System (Jan 17 – Jan 23)

Jan 18th – Instructional break (No classes)

Lectures:

- Emergence of IR
 - Peace of Westphalia
 - Imperialism
- Actors and Level of Analysis
- Anarchy and Collective Action

Readings:

- Joshua Goldstein & Jon Pevehouse (G&P hereafter) (p.1-35)
- Zvobgo, K., & Loken, M. (2020). Why Race Matters in International Relations. Foreign Policy, 237, 11–13

What is due Jan 23rd 11:59 pm (EST):

- Module 1 Quiz
- Module 1 Assignment: Pick a current area in which interesting international events are taking place. Can you think of possible explanations for those events from each of the three levels of analysis? Do explanations from different levels provide insights into different aspects of the events? How?

SECTION I: PERSPECTIVES AND APPROACHES TO THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Module 2: Realism (Jan 24 – Jan 30)

**First Statecraft Manual Quiz and Statecraft Foreign Policy Attitudes Survey must be completed by 11:59 pm Saturday, Jan 30th

Lectures:

- Main Assumptions
- Power and Security Dilemma
- Managing Anarchy
 - Distribution of Power

• Strategy & Rationality: Prisoner's Dilemma
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Reading:

- G&P (p.35-59)
- "Hobbesian Social Contract" Khan Academy https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fI1t0dY5zoc

What is due Jan 30th 11:59 pm (EST):

- Statecraft Foreign Policy Attitude Survey
- First Statecraft Manual Quiz
- Module 2 Quiz
- Module 2 Assignment: If you were the leader of a small state in Africa, bargaining with the United States about an issue where your interests diverge, what leverage and strategies could you bring into play to improve the outcome for your state? (You may write about a real country with a real conflicting interest.)

Module 3: Liberalism

(Jan 31 – Feb 6)

**Second Statecraft Manual Quiz must be completed by 11:59 pm Saturday, February 6

Lectures

- Main Assumptions
- Institutionalism and Managing Anarchy
- Neoliberalism and Managing Anarchy

Reading:

- G&P (p. 63-79)
- Daniel Deudney and G. John Ikenberry. "Liberal World: The Resilient Order." Foreign Affairs (eLC)

What is due Feb 6th 11:59 pm (EST):

- Second Statecraft Manual Quiz
- Module 3 Quiz
- Module 3 Assignment: According to Democratic Peace Theory, democracies almost never fight wars against each other. Do existing democracies have a national security interest in seeing democratization spread to China and other authoritarian states by force if necessary? If so, how can that interest be reconciled with the long-standing norm of noninterference in the internal affairs of other sovereign states?

Module 4: Constructivism (Feb 7 – Feb 13)

Statecraft Simulation Turn 0

Lectures:

- Main Assumptions
- Managing Anarchy

Reading:

- G&P (p. 87-89)
- America First and American Exceptionalism (eLC)
- Trump's Iran Withdrawal and American Exceptionalism (eLC)
- Divided by History Why Japan-South Korea Relations Have Soured (eLC)

What is due Feb 13th 11:59 pm (EST):

- Turn 0 Country Set-up
- Module 4 Quiz
- Module 4 Assignment: "The role of ideas in international relations will never be as strong as the role of power. Small powers may pretend that ideas matter, but great powers know that ideational factors are at most tools of power politics, not truly determining forces."

Do you agree with the argument above? Why? why not? Do you think ideas about racial differences played a major role in shaping contemporary international relations? Discuss with specific references to readings and lectures.

Module 5: Marxism and Post Colonialism (Feb 14 – Feb 20)

Statecraft Simulation Turn 1

Lectures:

- World Systems Theory
- Dependency Theory

Reading:

- Pal, Maia. Chapter 5: Marxism International Relations Theory. S. McGlinchey, R. Walters, & C. Scheinpflug (Eds.)
- Nair, Sheila. Chapter 9: Post-Colonialism International Relations Theory. S. McGlinchey, R. Walters, & C. Scheinpflug
- What is due Feb 20th 11:59 pm (EST):
 - Statecraft Simulation Turn 1 Memo
 - Module 5 Quiz
 - Module 5 Assignment: TBA

Module 6: Making Foreign Policy (Feb 21 – Feb 27)

(Feb 21 - Feb 27)

Statecraft Simulation Turn 2

Lectures:

- Models of Decision Making
 - Individual Decision Makers
 - Group Psychology
 - Crisis Management
- The effect of domestic politics on foreign policy decision making

Reading:

- G&P (p. 79-86) & (p. 325-332)
- Propaganda Techniques (eLC)
- What is due: Feb 27th 11:59 pm (EST):
 - Statecraft Simulation Turn 2 Memo
 - Module 6 Quiz
 - Module 6 Assignment:
 - Read the texts of two televised speeches:

- 1. President Bush's address on the start of the war in Iraq: www.guardian.co.uk/Iraq/Story/0,2763,918031,00.html
- 2. Saddam Hussein's speech a few days later: www.guardian.co.uk/Iraq/Story/0,2763,920868,00.html
- Analyze both speeches for their use of propaganda techniques. Discuss at least two propaganda techniques used in each speech. What similarities and differences do you find in the two speeches?

Module 7: Apply the Theory: Will China and US fight for global leadership? (Feb 28 – March 6)

Statecraft Simulation Turn 3

Lectures:

- What do theory and history tell us?
- A coming showdown or peaceful engagement?

Reading:

- G&P (p. 61-62)
- John Mearsheimer. 2014. "Can China Rise Peacefully?" The National Interest. (eLC)
- G. John Ikenberry. 2008. "The Rise of China and the Future of the West." Foreign Affairs. (eLC)
- Taiwan and US-China Relations (eLC)

What is due March 6th 11:59 pm (EST):

- Statecraft Simulation Turn 3 Memo
- Module 7 Quiz
- Module 7 Assignment: Taiwan is an important source of friction between the United States and China? Although the United States does not formally recognize Taiwan, it has signed a friendship treaty with the island. Should the United States risk its relationship with China over honoring its commitments to Taiwan? If China were to force the United States to choose between Taiwan and lower tensions, what should the US policy be?

March 8 - March 12: Theory Revision Week (No new material)

March 12th – Instructional break (No classes)

SECTION II: UNDERSTANDING INTERNATIONAL (IN)SECURITY

Module 8: Armed Conflict (March 14 – March 20)

Statecraft Simulation Turn 4

Lectures:

- Traditional security concerns
- Human Security
- Conflict
- What explains interstate war and peace?
- Nuclear deterrence and MAD

Reading

- G&P (p. 108-140) & (p. 146-154)
- Ikenberry, G. (2009). Liberal Internationalism 3.0: America and the Dilemmas of Liberal World Order. Perspectives on Politics, 7(1), 71-87.

• Rosato, S. (2003). The Flawed Logic of Democratic Peace Theory. The American Political Science Review, 97(4), 585-602.

What is due on March 20th 11:59 pm (EST):

- Statecraft Simulation Turn 4 Memo
- Module 8 Quiz
- Module 8 Assignment:
 - Watch this short documentary from the Foreign Policy Association https://youtu.be/lpPpXM7hSXk
 - Discuss US involvement in Yemen through the lenses of three major IR paradigms and their conceptualization of national security. Which one, in your opinion, is more effective in explaining the US role in the current state and human security in Yemen?

Module 9: Terrorism and Transnational Crime (March 21 – March 27)

March 23rd – Withdrawal Deadline

Statecraft Simulation Turn 5

Lectures:

- Terrorism
- Transnational Organized Crime
- Cyberwarfare

Reading:

- G&P (p. 140-146) & (p. 325-332)
- Introduction to Cronin, A. (2009). How Terrorism Ends: Understanding the Decline and Demise of Terrorist Campaigns. PRINCETON; OXFORD: Princeton University Press.
- UNODC "Threat of Transnational Organized Crime"

What is due on March 27th 11:59 pm (EST):

- Statecraft Simulation Turn 5 Memo
- Module 9 Quiz
- Module 9 Assignment: All the cases below are true, but the names of countries and peoples have been changed.
 - Come up with YOUR definition of terrorism (at the beginning of the lecture video)
 - According to YOUR definition, which, if any, of the activities below should be considered terrorism?
 - Who are the terrorists?
 - What more would you need to know to be more sure of your answer?

Case 1: The Tobian government is very unhappy with the government of Ambar, whose leaders came to power in a revolution that threw out the former Ambar dictator. Tobian decides to overthrow the new Ambar leaders. It begins funding a guerrilla army that attacks Ambar from another country next door. Tobian also builds army bases in the next-door country and allows the guerrilla army to use these bases. Tobian supplies almost all of the weapons and equipment of the guerrilla army fighting Ambar. The guerrillas generally try to avoid fighting Ambar's army. Instead, they attack clinics, schools, and cooperative farms. Sometimes they mine the roads. Tobian-supported guerrillas kill and maim many, many civilians. The guerrillas raid Ambar and then retreat into the country next door where Tobian has military bases.

Case 2: Religious militants attack members of the government, including an assassination attempt on the president. The government responds by sending in troops and destroying an urban area where the religious militants are based, killing more than 10,000 people in the process, including many civilians.

Case 3: A paramilitary group seeking independence blows up the military headquarters of the occupying force. The group's warning that there will be a bombing is ignored, and many people, civilian as well as military, are killed.

SECTION III: UNDERSTANDING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

Module 10: International Organizations (March 28 – Apr 3)

Statecraft Simulation Turn 6??

Lectures:

- Roles of International Organizations
- Peace Through Collective Security
 - The United Nations
- Peace Through Economic Interdependence
 - The European Union

Reading:

- G&P (p. 204-234)
- Barnett, M., & Finnemore, M. (1999). The Politics, Power and Pathologies of International Organizations. International Organization, 53(4), 699-732.
- Shashi Tharoor. 2011. "Security Council Reform: Past, Present and Future." Ethics and International Affairs. https://www.carnegiecouncil.org/publications/journal/25_4/essay/001

What is due on Apr 3rd 11:59 pm (EST):

- Statecraft Simulation Turn 6 Memo
- Module 10 Quiz
- Module 10 Assignment: Write a 300-word proposal for reforming the United Nations from one of the four major IR paradigms. The proposal should answer the following questions:
 - 1. How should UN Security Council members be chosen? Should there be requirements, such as for regional balance?
 - 2. Should there be permanent members? If so, which countries should they be?
 - 3. Should any countries have a veto? If so, which ones?
 - 4. How many votes should be required to take action?
 - 5. Should there be other limitations or requirements?
 - 6. Compare your answer to another classmate who chose a different paradigm to answer this question.

Module 11: International Law and Human Rights (Apr 4 – Apr 10)

Statecraft Simulation Turn 7???

Lectures:

• International Law and Human Rights

- Humanitarian Intervention and R2P
- International Crimes and International Courts

Reading:

- G & P (p. 234-252)
- Keck, Margaret E. & Sikkink, Katherine (1999) "Transnational Advocacy Networks in International Politics," International Social Science Journal, 51: 89–101
- Moravcsik, Andrew. (2000) The Origins of Human Rights Regimes: Democratic Delegation in postwar Europe. International Organization, 54:2, 217-252
- Anne-Marie Slaughter, "Was the Libyan Intervention Really an Intervention?" Atlantic, August 26, 2011.
- https://world101.cfr.org/how-world-works-and-sometimes-doesnt/building-blocks/rise-and-fall-responsibility-protect

What is due on Apr 10th 11:59 pm (EST):

- Statecraft Simulation Turn 7 Memo
- Module 11 Quiz
- Module 11 Assignment: Choose a contemporary crisis and discuss how the United Nations might intervene in a way that effectively balances sovereignty with human rights. Support your position by drawing on at least two historical examples.

SECTION iV: INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

Module 12: Globalization of Trade and Finance (Apr 11 – Apr 17)

Statecraft Simulation Turn 8???

Lectures:

- Perspectives on International Trade and Finance
- Economic and Financial Globalization
- MNCs
- International Economic and Financial Governance
 - The WTO
- The IMF and World Bank

Reading:

- G & P (p. 160-199)
- What is the Transpacific Partnership? https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/what-trans-pacific-partnership-tpp

What is due on Apr 17th 11:59 pm (EST)

- Statecraft Simulation Turn 8 Memo
- Module 12 Quiz
- Module 12 Assignment: What: China: Power and Prosperity https://youtu.be/gF_frOsTrgw Considering the redistributive effects of protectionist/free trade policies, write a mini policy memo and give trade policy advice to the President Joe Biden. Should the US continue its protectionist trade policies? Should we re-enter the TPP? Why or why not? Do you have a mercantilist or a liberal

position? What arguments would support your advice?

Module 13: The North – South Relations and Development (Apr 18 – Apr 24)

Statecraft Simulation Turn 9???

Lectures:

- The North-South Gap
- The Foreign Aid Paradox

Reading:

- G&P (p. 254-300)
- Arvanitakis, James & Hornsby, David J. Chapter 10: Global Poverty and Wealth. International Relations. Mc Glinchey, S. (Ed.).

What is due Apr 24th 11:59 pm (EST):

- Statecraft Simulation Turn 9 Memo
- Module 13 Quiz
- Module 13 Assignment: Evaluate proposals requesting development assistance from the United States of America with a specific world view (IR theory) in mind. Your task is to make recommendations on how much and what kind of aid or development assistance should be allocated to each country.

Country 1 has requested \$100 million in aid from the US. This country is governed by a weak democratic system. A communist party is strong but holds few government positions. The party currently in power was always pro-USA and now is an active participant in US-led multilateral activities. The economy depends heavily on the export of one crop and one mineral. There is little industry. The aid money will be used to improve and extend the road system, improve the dock and port facilities in the country's only port city, and fund agricultural extension projects.

Country 2 has requested \$50 million in aid. The country is governed by a socialist party and has strong ties with Europe's more social democratic states. The president of the country often participates in meetings of heads of state of nonaligned nations, and the country's leaders are very active in multilateral organizations. This country has a diversified economy that exports agricultural products, some minerals, and light manufactured goods. The requested aid will be used to improve the national university, send students abroad for advanced college degrees in business management and science, import farm machinery, and purchase high-tech equipment to develop manufacturing in computers and technology related to the environment.

Country 3 has requested \$150 million in aid. The country is totally dependent on outside support. It was suffered from a severe drought, and three tribal groups continue to challenge the military government. The country's only resources are uranium and an abundance of cheap labor. Most aid has ended up in the hands of the political and military elites and has not been used to improve the quality of life of most of the population. Recently, the leaders have begun to discuss possible alliance with North Korea and Iran. The aid will be used to develop a comprehensive education system, develop facilities in rural areas, and build a national highway and rail system.

- Answer the questions below:
 - Rank the three countries in terms of aid priority based on your world view (IR theory you feel closest to).
 - What is the strongest argument for giving or not giving some form of aid to each country?

- What assumptions about each country and the international system defined your allocation priorities?
- Discuss the relative strengths and weaknesses of bilateral and multilateral aid programs. Would you agree with the statement that suggests the complexity of world development programs requires multilateral responses?

Module 14: Sustainability and Development

(Apr 25 – May 1)

Lectures:

- Sustainability and the Environment
- The Politics of Climate Change
- COVID-19 and IR

Reading:

- G&P (p. 300-324) & (p. 336-337)
- Richardson, Ben. Chapter 16: Feeding the World International Relations. Mc Glinchey, S. (Ed.).
- Busby, Joshua. What International Relations Tells Us about COVID-19
- Headline Summary of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5C. (full report available here)
- NASA Climate Change Facts

What is due May 1st 11:59 pm (EST):

- Statecraft Final Essay
- Module 14 Quiz
- Module 14 Assignment:
 - 1. Pick one of the countries below.
 - Developed: Australia, Canada, France, Japan, USA
 - Major Developing: Brazil, China, India, Nigeria, South Africa

Smaller Developing: Afghanistan. Belize, Indonesia, Maldives, Qatar

- 2. Imagine you are negotiating an additional treaty to supplement the Paris Agreement, trying to reach an agreement on how much emissions each country should cut. As you research and prepare, consider:
 - What is the argument for having developed countries shoulder most of the burden?
 - What is the argument for spreading the burden equitably?
 - What would make it easier for some countries to cut emissions than others?
 - How should the tradeoff between promoting development and cutting emissions be balanced?
 - Is a bottom-up or a top-down approach to an agreement preferable? Why?