INTL 3200: Introduction to International Relations
University of Georgia – Fall 2021
Caldwell 102, MWF 10:20-11:10am

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Course Overview and Objectives:
The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the concepts and theories 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), by analyzing how they are defined, their interests, and actions. We will study their interactions with each other in conflict, economic relations, and in building institutions for cooperation.

The course begins with an overview of the major theoretical lenses that are used to interpret the behavior of international actors. We will interrogate ideas about power as we look at these lenses – who created them, what types of values and hierarchies do they reinforce, and what are the consequences for the ways we approach international relations. With this foundation in place we will examine questions tied to specific issue areas, such as: Why do states go to war? Why do a few states have/want nuclear weapons? 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. Moreover, students will develop an appreciation for the scholarship of international relations by examining different approaches that scholars have taken to answering key questions in IR.

While this is not a course on current events, we will often rely on examples from the news to inform our understanding of the concepts addressed in the readings. The primary objective of this course is to equip students with the language and ideas scholars use to discuss international relations in order to prepare them to take upper-level IR courses. In addition, students will become more aware of the influence of global issues on their lives and how the decisions they make each day impact international relations.
Requirements:

- **Readings**: It is expected that you will complete the readings listed on the syllabus prior to coming to class. Should you fail to do the readings it will be evident in your lack of participation during class discussions.
- **All readings will be posted on the class ELC page** unless otherwise noted. You are also required to keep up with current events – see below
  - There is **NO TEXTBOOK**, however students are required to purchase a subscription to Statecraft Simulation (details below).
- On occasion an article relevant to the topic we are covering will be published and will be assigned on short notice. In that case I will post the article to the “ANNOUNCEMENTS” section of the class ELC page.
  - If there are problems with the links on the syllabus please:
    - 1. check the “Readings” folder on ELC; 2. Google the title; 3. When steps 1 and 2 fail, email me.
- **PLEASE REGISTER FOR ANNOUNCEMENT NOTIFICATIONS!**
  - Click on your name in the top right corner on the class ELC page > Notifications > Instant Notifications > Announcements

- **Grading**
  Your final course grade will be determined by the following assessments:
  - Midterm Exam – 25%
  - Final Exam – 30%
  - Class Participation – 10%
  - Syllabus Quiz (completed by 11pm 8/28) – 5%
  - Simulation – 30%
    - Participation - 15% (5% quizzes + 10% posts)
    - Performance - 5% (based on QOL) **Possible +3% EC**
    - Final Essay - 10%

Letter grades correspond to the following 0-100 scale:

- 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-
- 00-59 F

- Lectures and class discussion are intended to supplement, not duplicate, the readings. Exams will draw upon readings and class notes. Please note the dates of your midterm and finals exams.
- **Simulation**: An integral part of this course will be your participation in an online international politics simulation called Statecraft. All students are required to obtain a subscription to Statecraft. To register go to [www.statecraftsim.com](http://www.statecraftsim.com), create a student account. **If your last name starts A-L enter the passcode: INTL3200_Fall2021_AL ; if your last name starts M-Z enter the passcode: INTL3200_Fall2021_MZ** along with
your username and password. You will then need to pay the semester subscription fee of $35 using a credit card or PayPal through the website. *You must register by 11pm Sat 9/11 otherwise you will be locked out of the simulation. Additional details on the simulation and related assignments will be distributed separately.

- Simulation Memos: Each student must submit a memo of at least 300 words each week BEFORE the turn ends (i.e. Saturday at 11pm) 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 (i.e. memos submitted at 11:01pm and later) and memos shorter than 300 words will not be counted.

- Participation: Simply showing up to class does not constitute participation. You are expected to play an active role in class discussions. That said, simply speaking in class will not earn you a “good” participation grade. Those with the highest participation grades will ask insightful questions and present arguments grounded in the class readings and research. Students are encouraged to use the ELC discussion group as a space to engage with your peers about topics related to the course.
  - Given the size of this class, most of you will earn your participation grade using the discussion board. While there is no strict rule on postings, students who earn the highest participation grades usually have 1 post (could be a new thread or response to others) per week. This is simply a way to demonstrate your engagement with the course. Spamming the discussion board at the end of the semester will NOT improve your participation grade.
  - We will often discuss contentious political issues and I expect that you will be respectful of each other’s perspectives. Interruptions, slurs, or making fun of students or their views will not be tolerated.

- Attendance: We’re living through a pandemic. There is no grade for attendance. That said, I’ll take attendance each day (it helps me learn your names), so please send me an email if you’re not planning to come to class. Please contact your group in advance if you are going to be absent on a Statecraft Friday. Students who fail to communicate with their group members will lose points on their participation grade.

COVID & This Class
I am committed to making this an academically rigorous course, while also prioritizing compassion and the health of all of us in the room. The COVID-19 pandemic will create extenuating circumstances for many students. It is crucial that you understand the following:

- This course meets in-person MWF, unless otherwise noted on the syllabus.
  - IF YOU DO NOT FEEL WELL, DO NOT COME TO CLASS!
    - UGA follows GA DPH guidelines for quarantine/isolation
    - Students who are not fully vaccinated and have been directly exposed to COVID-19 but are not showing symptoms should self-quarantine for 10
days. Those quarantining for 10 days must have been symptom-free throughout the monitoring period and continue self-monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms for a total of 14 days. You should report the need to quarantine on DawgCheck (https://dawgcheck.uga.edu/), and communicate directly with your faculty to coordinate your coursework while in quarantine. If you need additional help, reach out to Student Care and Outreach (sco@uga.edu) for assistance.

- Students who are fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine upon exposure unless they have symptoms of COVID-19 themselves. Per CDC guidelines they should be tested 3-5 days after exposure and continue to wear a mask indoors.

- The primary ways to protect yourself and the other members of the UGA community, including the people in this class are:
  - 1.***Get vaccinated!
  - 2.***Wear a mask when indoors on campus (irrespective of your vaccine status)
  - 3.*** Again, Do NOT come to class if you feel sick - GET TESTED ASAP!

- Per UGA guidelines, students showing COVID-19 symptoms should self-isolate and schedule an appointment with the University Health Center by calling 706-542-1162 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5p.m.). For emergencies and after-hours care, see, https://www.uhs.uga.edu/info/emergencies.
  - 4. Pro-tip: Use UGA’s free asymptomatic testing regularly! https://clia.vetview.vet.uga.edu/

- If you test positive for COVID-19 at any time, you are required to report it through the DawgCheck. Please stay at home if you become ill or until you have excluded COVID-19 as the cause of your symptoms. UGA adheres to current Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) quarantine and isolation guidance and requires that it be followed. Follow the instructions provided to you when you report your positive test result in DawgCheck.

- Still need to get vaccinated? To schedule a vaccine go to the University Health Center’s Patient Portal (https://patientportal.uhs.uga.edu/login_dualauthentication.aspx ). Also, the Georgia Department of Health, pharmacy chains and local providers also offer the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost to you. To find a COVID-19 vaccination location near you, other than the UHC, please go to: https://georgia.gov/covid-vaccine

- Per UGA guidelines, faculty are to accommodate students who get COVID just as they normally would have accommodated ill students before the pandemic. Be sure you get the name and contact information for at least two other students in this class to get notes from days that you miss. Once you’re feeling better, please make an appointment to meet with me during office hours to answer any remaining questions.

Other important information:

- **Current Events**: Students are REQUIRED to stay up to date on world politics for class discussions. I suggest that you skim a major newspaper, such as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, The Guardian (UK) or a weekly periodical, such as The Economist, on a regular basis. Students often note, “there is so much news, what do I need to know?” Each of these newspapers has a “world politics” section.
Tips: I strongly suggest linking your web browser home page to an international news source. You can also have the headlines of the day automatically emailed to you from the Council of Foreign Relations (www.cfr.org). There are also several useful IR blogs, including: Duck of Minerva, War on the Rocks, Political Violence at a Glance, and the Monkey Cage (which covers all the subfields of Political Science).

Technology:
- Laptops are not welcome in class, unless I instruct you to bring one. Should you need to use a laptop please provide proper documentation from UGA’s Disability Resource Center (DRC).
- All phones should be shut off or set to silent – NOT VIBRATE – before arriving to class. The use or interruption of these devices during regular class time will result in a reduction of your participation grade, and during test periods will be treated as cheating.

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. **PLEASE REGISTER FOR ANNOUNCEMENT NOTIFICATIONS!**
- Again, to sign up for Announcement Notifications: your name on the class ELC page > Notifications > Instant Notifications > Announcements
- When emailing me please only use your UGA email account and include your course number in the subject line. In most cases I will respond to emails within 24 hours. Importantly, before you email me please check the syllabus and the Announcements posted on ELC to be sure that your question has not been previously addressed.
- A note on etiquette: please use appropriate salutations including my name in the opening (NOT Miss/Ms./Mrs. Gallagher!) and your name in the closing. (Hint: you can’t go wrong with “Dear Professor Gallagher”).

Office Hours – Office hours are STUDENT HOURS! This is the time to ask questions about class assignments, the major, my 2 cents on what you should do with your life, get recommendations for good food in Athens, etc. The link to schedule an office hours meeting is on the class ELC page.

Academic Honesty – 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. The most common issue of academic dishonesty I have come across is plagiarism. To be clear, plagiarism is copying from any source material (direct or paraphrasing of ideas), published or unpublished (this includes Wikipedia!), without giving proper credit. I will post a link to the Chicago Manual of Style citation format on ELC.

Contested Grades: Students are always welcome to come discuss assignments and their overall class performance during my office hours. If you find a mathematical error on a graded assignment please let me know immediately. 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) their assignment/exam, (2) a typed explanation of what the best possible response to the prompt would look like, (3) a typed explanation of how their work compares to that best answer, and (4) their class and reading notes. All requests for such meetings must be made within two weeks of the date the assignment/exam was returned.

- **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](http://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.

- **Prohibition on Recording Lectures/Discussions.** 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.

- **UGA has a vast array of resources to support students facing a variety of challenges. Please don't hesitate to come speak with me or contact these resources directly. Please be aware that UGA faculty and staff are obligated to report any knowledge of sexual assault/relationship violence to UGA’s Equal Opportunity Office. UGA’s Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention (info below) can speak to students confidentially.**
  - **Office of Student Care & Outreach** (coordinate assistance for students experiencing hardship/unforeseen circumstances) – 706-542-7774 or by email sco@uga.edu
  - **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 (RSVP)** – 706-542-SAFE (The advocates at RSVP can provide students confidentiality).

- **This syllabus is subject to change throughout the semester**

**IR Class and Reading Schedule**

**WEEKS 1 & 2: Introduction to Studying IR & Actors in IR**
Wed., Aug. 18 (class 1) – **Introduction**
- TURN NOTIFICATIONS ON FOR COURSE!

Fri., Aug. 29 (class 2) – What is IR? And who decides?

Mon., Aug. 23 (class 3) – Actors in IR: When is a state a state?


Fri., Aug 27 (class 5) - Actors: TANs, NGOs and other NSAs

**Complete Syllabus Quiz on ELC by 11pm 8/28**

WEEKS 3 & 4: The ISMs

Mon., Aug 30 (class 6) - Realism & Liberalism

Wed., Sept. 1 (class 7) – Strategy & Rationality: Prisoner’s Dilemma
• TBD

Fri., Sept. 3 (class 8) - Constructivism
• *Scene on Radio* Podcast, Season 2 (Seeing White) Episode 2: “How Race Was Made” https://www.sceneonradio.org/episode-32-how-race-was-made-seeing-white-part-2/

Week 4:

Mon., Sept. 6 – NO CLASS: LABOR DAY

Wed., Sept. 8 (class 9)– Comparing Theories: A Rising China

Fri., Sept 10 - (class 10)  – Introduction to Statecraft Simulation
  • READ: Statecraft Manual

**First Statecraft Manual Quiz and Statecraft Foreign Policy Attitudes Survey must be completed by 11pm Saturday, Sept 11**

WEEK 5: Sex, Gender, & IR

Mon., Sept. 13 (class 11) – Feminist theory(ies) and IR
• Laura Sjoberg “’Mansplaining’ International Relations” Available at: http://relationsinternational.com/mansplaining-international-relations-walt/

Wed., Sept. 15 (class 12) – Using a Gender Lens in IR
  - *Read only pgs. 1-20 (for now!)

Fri., Sept. 17 (class 13) – Statecraft Simulation Turn 0

**Second Statecraft Manual Quiz must be completed by 11pm Saturday, Sept 18

WEEK 6: Foreign Policy Analysis

Mon., Sept 20 (class 14) – Models of Decision Making
  - Note: if individually you know what each word means but collectively you have no idea what he is saying, it’s okay to skim. Just be sure you understand the application of each model, or what Allison calls a “cut.”

Wed., Sept. 22 (class 15) – Decision Making and the 2003 Iraq Invasion

Fri., Sept. 24 (class 16) – Statecraft Simulation Turn 1

WEEK 7: Conflict

Mon., Sept. 27 (class 17) – What is War and Why Does it Happen?
  - *Read only pgs. 21-30

Wed., Sept 29 (class 18) – The Challenges of Ending Intra-state Conflicts
  - **Focus on the theory & conclusion (pp. 335-343 and 360-363) – skim the rest.

Fri., Oct. 1 (class 19)– Statecraft Simulation Turn 2

WEEK 8: Security

Mon., Oct. 4 (class 20) – What is security? Whose security?


Wed., Oct. 6 (class 21) – Human Security & National Security
  ○ **Listen to 6:15-28:30

Fri., Oct. 8 (class 22) – Statecraft Simulation Turn 3

Week 9: Terrorism
Mon., Oct. 11 (class 23) – Terrorists as Strategic Actors

Wed., Oct 13 (class 24)) – Female Suicide Terrorism
  ○ **Read only pages 681-700

Fri., Oct. 15 (class 25) - Statecraft Simulation Turn 4

WEEK 10: Global Divides

Mon., Oct. 18 (class 26) – Midterm Exam

Wed., Oct. 20 (class 27)- “Global North” / “Global South”
- Nair, Sheila. *Chapter 9: Post-Colonialism* International Relations Theory. S. McGlinchey, R. Walters, & C. Scheinpflug
- Olla, A. “Welcome to the new colonialism: Rich countries sitting on surplus vaccines.” The Guardian, 14 April 2021

Fri., Oct. 22 (class 28) – Statecraft Simulation Turn 5

**WEEK 11: International Political Economy – Trade**

Mon., Oct. 25 (class 29) – Trade
- WTO Says Canada, Mexico Can Slap $1Billion in Tariffs on US Over Meat Labels” 12/7/15. *Wall Street Journal.* (listed as WTOCOOL on ELC)

Wed., Oct. 27 (class 30) – Trade and Security
- PBS News Hour. September 28, 2019. “Impact of U.S.-China trade war felt in both countries” [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dt2W2u0yLGw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dt2W2u0yLGw)
- What is the Transpacific Partnership? [https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/what-transpacific-partnership-tpp](https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/what-transpacific-partnership-tpp)
- What is the RCEP? [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=weyA6-aqqfo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=weyA6-aqqfo)

Fri., Oct 29 – NO CLASS: FALL BREAK

**Statecraft Simulation Turn 6 - We will not meet in class but the simulation continues & the turn still ends on Sat., Oct. 30 – be sure to keep in touch with your group outside of class**

**WEEK 12: Development**

Mon., Nov. 1 (class 31) – International Development

Wed., Nov. 3 (class 32) – Foreign Aid
- TBD
Fri., Nov. 5 (class 33) - Statecraft Simulation Turn 7?

WEEK 13: Global Governance

Mon., Nov. 8 (class 34) – The UN

Wed., Nov. 10 (class 35) – International Law & Norms of War

Fri., Nov. 12 (class 36) – Statecraft Simulation Turn 8?

WEEKs 14 & 15: Human Rights & Humanitarian Intervention

Mon., Nov. 15 (class 37) – Human Rights
- TBD

Wed., Nov. 17 (class 38) – Humanitarian Intervention

Fri., Nov. 19 (class 39) – Statecraft Simulation Turn 9?

Mon., Nov. 22 (class 40) – Wrapping Up Human Rights and Humanitarian Intervention

**Simulation papers due on ELC by 11pm Tuesday 11/23**

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Wed., Nov 24 & Fri., Nov. 26 – No Class: Thanksgiving Break

WEEKS 16 & 17: Global Governance & Key Issues – ICC, GCC, & Drones

Mon., Nov. 29 (class 41) - The International Criminal Court

Wed., Dec. 1 (class 42) – Global Climate Change
- Headline summary of the UN’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5C. https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/sites/2/2019/06/SR15_Headline-statements.pdf

Fri., Dec. 3 (class 43) – Global Climate Change (con’t)
- McCarthy, J. 2021. “Why is climate change a racial justice issue?” Global Citizen

Mon., Dec 6 (class 44) - Targeted Killings & Drones

Tue. Dec. 7 (class 45 - Friday Schedule in Effect) – Drones & Collective Action
- No reading

**Final Exam – Friday Dec. 10, 8am**