Course Description:
International relations is the politics of nations, and much more. Traditionally, what separated the international from the national or domestic was the lack of hierarchy (anarchy). States needed to settle differences and forge agreements for themselves. Increasingly today, that difference is less salient, as issues arise that require collective action and actors arise that challenge the role of the state. International politics is different, but not apart from, the politics within and besides nations.

This course will introduce you to the subject and offer some conceptual tools to address complex, non-intuitive processes. If politics is like the game of chess, increasingly international politics is a three-level chess game (individual, domestic, global). We will struggle with this complexity, just as participants themselves must in making decisions and influencing the course of world affairs.

Course Requirements:
- **Class Participation (20% of course grade):** Come to class. We will be taking attendance through the quizzes (see below). Be prepared to assert your ideas, especially on Fridays. There is a *much larger premium* on being willing to talk than on being ‘right.’
- **Quizzes (40% of course grade):** Held most days. These are short quizzes at the beginning of class. We will ask for brief factual information about the readings. Grading is pass/fail and there are no make-ups. To do well, read the assignments and come to class on time.
- **Final Exam (40% of course grade):** Essay exam, choice of questions. Bring exam book.

Note #1: Students are encouraged to study and learn together. However, all written assignments must be the sole product of the person submitting the work. Don’t cheat and don’t plagiarize. If you have any questions about what constitutes a violation of academic integrity, please see me.

Note #2: It is your responsibility to apprise me of any factor that may interfere with your ability to perform in this class well in advance of scheduled assignments. Appropriate measures for disabilities and other concerns will be taken in accordance with University of California policy.

Note #3: In order to document requests, students seeking a change of grade must prepare a written memo detailing his or her request and citing reasons for requesting the proposed change.

Required Readings:
The textbook assigned for this class is available at the UCSD bookstore. Given textbook prices, you are encouraged to buy the text online, or from another bookseller if you find a better price:

Students are also encouraged to familiarize themselves with major periodicals with a focus on international relations/foreign policy and follow the international section of major newspapers:

- Financial Times (http://news.ft.com/world)
- Washington Post (http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/world)
- Foreign Affairs (http://www.foreignaffairs.org)
- Foreign Policy in Focus (http://www.fpif.org/)
- The National Interest (http://www.nationalinterest.org)
- Foreign Policy Association (http://www.fpa.org/)
- Council on Foreign Relations (http://www.cfr.org/)

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| WEEK 1 (August 3 – 7): Foundations | Monday August 3: What is International Politics?  
Wednesday August 5: Movie: Dr. Strangelove |
| WEEK 2 (August 10 – 14): War and Peace | Monday August 10: Why Do Nations Fight?  
Wednesday August 12: Movie: Black Hawk Down |
| WEEK 3 (August 17 – 21): International Political Economy | Monday August 17: Trade, Money, and Power  
Wednesday August 19: Movie: Seven Samurai |
Wednesday August 26: Movie: Battle of Algiers |
| WEEK 5 (August 31 – September 4): Looking Ahead | Monday August 31: The Future  

Final Exam Saturday September 5, 3 – 6 PM, Room TBA.