

POLITICAL SCIENCE 12: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Summer Session I (June 29 – August 1, 2015)

MW 5:00PM – 7:50PM

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Office Hours: Tues 1:30 - 3:00 PM

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Course Description:

This course introduces students to the study of international politics. The actions of nations and other political actors is increasingly complex and interdependent. Knowledge of world affairs is a central element of the study of politics in the modern era. In this course, students will acquire the basic analytic tools necessary to understand and explain a variety of international phenomena including war, terrorism, globalization, environmental cooperation, and human rights practices.

Course Requirements:

- **Attendance (10%):** You are required to attend class. Attendance is based on quizzes.
- **Participation (10%):** Read assigned portions of the textbook on time, then come to class prepared to discuss what you have learned. Ideas are best grasped when used in context.
- **Quizzes (40%):** Quizzes are designed to ensure that you keep up with the reading, and to assess your knowledge of key concepts. Each quiz will consist of a brief set of short, factual questions (True/false, multiple choice, fill in the blank) based on the text.
- **Final Exam (40% of course grade):** Essay exam, choice of questions. Bring exam book.

Student Standards:

- **Plagiarism** I encourage you to study and learn together. However, all 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, see me.
- **Disabilities/life issues** It is your responsibility to apprise me of factors that may interfere with your performance in class *well in advance of scheduled assignments*. Appropriate measures for disabilities, acts of God, etc. will be taken in accordance with UC policies.
- **Grading/appeals** All attempts to discuss grading decisions must be made in writing.

Readings:

The textbook for this course is available from the UCSD bookstore and elsewhere. Please make sure to obtain the 2nd edition. Unfortunately, this is new and prices are high even for used copies.

- Jeffrey A Frieden, David A Lake and Kenneth A Schultz. 2013. *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions, 2nd Ed.* New York: W.W. Norton & Co. (hereafter "FLS")
- An Ebook version of the text can be purchased at:
http://books.wwnorton.com/nortonebooks/logon.aspx?SiteId=world_politics2e_ebook. Various pricing options are available depending on format and the duration of access.
- The W.W. Norton Student Studyspace for the *World Politics* textbook is available at:
<http://wwnorton.com/college/polisci/worldpolitics2/welcome.aspx>. Here you will find study plans, chapter outlines, practice quizzes, and other pedagogical tools.

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>)
- The New York Times (<http://www.nytimes.com/pages/world/index.html>)
- 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/>)

Schedule of Topics and Readings

I. Conflict and Cooperation

WEEK 1:

Monday June 29: **Introduction and Historical Context:** FLS Intro. and Chapter 1
Wednesday 1 July 1: **Interests, Interactions, and Institutions:** FLS Chapter 2

II. War and Peace

WEEK 2:

Monday July 6: **Why War?:** FLS Chapter 3
Wednesday July 8: **Domestic Politics and War:** FLS Chapter 4

WEEK 3:

Monday July 13: **International Institutions and War:** FLS Chapter 5
Non-state Actors: FLS Chapter 6

III. International Political Economy

Wednesday July 15: **International Trade:** FLS Chapter 7
International Financial Relations: FLS Chapter 8

WEEK 4:

Monday July 20: **International Monetary Relations:** FLS Chapter 9
Development, Poverty and Growth: FLS Chapter 10

IV. Transnational Politics

Wednesday July 22: **Transnational Networks:** FLS Chapter 11
International Human Rights: FLS Chapter 12

V. Looking Ahead

WEEK 5:

Monday July 27: **The Global Environment:** FLS Chapter 13
The Future of International Politics: FLS Chapter 14

Wednesday July 29: **Movie and discussion**

Friday July 31: * FINAL EXAM: 7:00PM – 9:59PM Location TBA *****