

**Department of Global Studies**

**Syllabus**

**International Relations and Politics (INR)**

**GS35752**

**Spring 2023**

**Please Note: This syllabus may be modified should the need arise**

**( The order of topics subject to change – with prior notification)**

**Class – Time and Place**

Tuesday and Thursday 12:00-13:15

International Building, Room 201

**Instructor Contact Information:**

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**Course Description:**

The course explores International Relations (IR) as a field of study. IR is the study of relationships between (political powers) nations. The complex nature of international relationships makes IR an interdisciplinary field, which considers difficult questions and global challenges. After the end of WWI, IR has developed into an academic discipline, which seeks to explain the workings of an international system of nations, which is typically, anarchic (absence of hierarchy), and without the rule of law.

In sum, this course aims to help students understand and evaluate key concepts and issues in IR like principal IR theories, foreign policy, peace, conflict, terrorism, military affairs, international organizations and international trade. Furthermore, it will consider major IR challenges about the environment, international cooperation, globalization, identity/diversity, and more.

**Expectations of this Course:**

Throughout the semester, readings, announcements, notes of clarification, and grades will be available in class and/or online via the University PLATO and website Turnitin.com. To access online information, students will need to create/login to their PLATO and Turnitin.com accounts.

**Students are expected to:**

* + Review syllabus and follow the course schedule.
  + Log in to PLATO and Turnitin.com for latest class updates.
  + Attend classes
  + Submit assignments by the corresponding deadline.
  + Take exams as scheduled

**The instructor will:**

* + Grade assignments within reasonable time after assignment deadline.
  + Respond to emails
  + Be available to answer questions via email or Zoom

**Course Material:**

**Textbook and Articles (online to be announced)**

**Textbook**

**Pevehouse and Goldstein, International Relations, Global Edition 12th Edition**

Publisher: Pearson (Intl)

* **Print ISBN: 9781292350325, 1292350326**
* **eText ISBN: 9781292350349, 1292350342**

**Grading and Assessments:**

30 percent Weekly Quiz

30 percent Midterm Exam ( Tuesday, April 18)

30 percent Final Exam (Tuesday, June 13)

10 percent Attendance/Participation (Discussions)

**Class Schedule: (subject to change as needed)**

**Please NOTE: When class falls on a holiday/special event - makeup class is held next regular university day preserving the schedule**

**Class 1**

Welcome!

Syllabus: Course description & expectations

What is this class all about? What is the field of International Relations?

**Class 2**

**Before class**, Chapter 1 reading assignments

Chapter 1: **The Globalization of International Relations**

Introduction: The Globalization of International Relations

Globalization, International Relations, and Daily Life

Actors and Influences

**Class 3**

**Before class** Chapter 1 reading assignments

**The Globalization of International Relations**

Global Geography

The Evolving International System

Let’s Debate the Issue--Globalization: Vanishing State Power?

**Class 4**

**Before class**, Chapter 2 reading assignments

Chapter 2: **Realist Theories**

Introduction: Realist Theories

Realism

Power

The International System

**Class 5**

**Before class**, Chapter 2 reading assignments

Chapter 2: **Realist Theories**

Alliances

Strategy

Let’s Debate the Issue: Can the United States and China Peacefully Coexist?

Summary: Realist Theories

**Class 6**

**Before class**, complete Chapter 3 reading assignments

Chapter 3: **Liberal and Social Theories**

**Introduction: Liberal and Social Theories**

The Waning of War

Liberal Theories

Social Theories

**Class 7**

**Before class**, complete Chapter 3 reading assignments

Chapter 3: **Liberal and Social Theories**

**Introduction: Liberal and Social Theories**

Marxism

Peace Studies

Gender Theories

Summary: Liberal and Social Theories

**Class 8**

**Before class**, complete Chapter 4 reading assignments

Chapter 4: **Foreign Policy**

Introduction: Foreign Policy

Making Foreign Policy

**Class 9**

**Before class**, complete Chapter 4 reading assignments

Chapter 4: **Foreign Policy**

Domestic Influences

Let’s Debate the Issue: Should Legislatures Play a Role in Deciding Whether to Use Military Force?

Summary: Foreign Policy

**Class 10**

**Before class**, complete Chapter 5 reading assignments

Chapter 5: **International Conflict**

Introduction: International Conflict

The Wars of the World

**Class 11**

**Before class**, complete Chapter 5 reading assignments

Chapter 5: **International Conflict**

Conflicts of Interest

Let’s Debate the Issue: The United States and Russia: A New Cold War?

Summary: International Conflict

**Class 12**

**Before class**, complete Chapter 6 reading assignments

Chapter 6: **Military Force and Terrorism**

Introduction: Military Force and Terrorism

Conventional Forces

Terrorism

**Class 13**

**Before class**, complete Chapter 6 reading assignments

Chapter 6: **Military Force and Terrorism**

Weapons of Mass Destruction

States and Militaries

Let’s Debate the Issue: Negotiations with North Korea: Progress Toward Disarmament or Fool’s Errand?

Summary: Military Force and Terrorism

**Class 14**

**Before class**, complete Chapter 7 reading assignments

Chapter 7: **Introduction: International Organization, Law, and Human Rights**

**Introduction: International Organization, Law, and Human Rights**

Roles of International Organizations

The United Nations

International Law

**Class 15**

**Before class**, complete Chapter 7 reading assignments

Chapter 7: **Introduction: International Organization, Law, and Human Rights**

**Introduction: International Organization, Law, and Human Rights**

Law and Sovereignty

Human Rights

Let’s Debate the Issue: Human Rights: A Hollow Promise to the World?

Summary: International Organization, Law, and Human Rights

**Class 16**

**Before class**, complete Chapter 8 reading assignments

Chapter 8: International Trade

Introduction: International Trade

Theories of Trade

Trade Regimes

**Class 17**

**Before class**, complete Chapter 8 reading assignments

Chapter 8: **International Trade**

Economic Globalization

Let’s Debate the Issue: Are Free Trade Agreements Good for the Global Economy?

**Class 18**

**Before class**, complete Chapter 9 reading assignments

Chapter 9: **Global Finance and Business**

Introduction: Global Finance and Business

Globalization and Finance

The Currency System

**Class 19**

**Before class**, complete Chapter 9 reading assignments

Chapter 9: Global Finance and Business

State Financial Positions

Multinational Business

Let’s Debate the Issue: Foreign Direct Investment: Engine of Growth or Tool of Exploitation?

Summary: Global Finance and Business

**Class 20**

**Before class,** complete Chapter 10 reading assignments

Chapter 10: **International Integration**

Introduction: International Integration

Globalization and Integration

Integration Theory

**Class 21**

**Before class,** complete Chapter 10 reading assignments

Chapter 10: **International Integration**

The European Union

The Power of Information

Let’s Debate the Issue: Has European Integration Gone as Far as Possible?

Summary: International Integration

**Class 22**

**Before class,** complete Chapter 11 reading assignments

Chapter 11: **Environment and Population**

**Before class,** complete Chapter 11 reading assignments

Interdependence and the Environment

Sustainable Development Managing the Environment

The Atmosphere

Biodiversity

Forests and Oceans

Pollution

**Class 23**

**Before class,** complete Chapter 11 reading assignments

Chapter 11: **Environment and Population**

Natural Resources

World Energy

Minerals Water Disputes Population

The Demographic Transition

Population Policies

Disease

**Class 24**

**Before class,** complete Chapter 12 reading assignments

Chapter 12: **The North-South Gap**

The State of the South

Basic Human Needs

World Hunger Rural and Urban Populations

Women in Development

Migration and Refugees

Theories of Accumulation

Economic Accumulation

The World-System

**Class 25**

**Before class,** complete Chapter 12 reading assignments

Chapter12: **The North-South Gap**

Imperialism

World Civilizations

History of Imperialism,

1500–2000 Effects of Colonialism

Postcolonial Dependency

Revolutionary Movements

**Notes**:

1. The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus should the need arise.
2. Any student having a prior commitment any time during the semester should notify the instructor by the first week of class to make any necessary arrangements.
3. Any student requiring accommodations of any sort should notify the instructor by the first week of class to make any necessary arrangements.
4. Grade disputes must be brought to the instructor’s attention as soon as possible.

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