

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

INTL 3200 Spring 2007

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SLC 247

This course is intended to provide an analytic foundation for a study of international relations. We will first study the major theoretical perspectives that have developed to *explain* and *understand* international relations. Next, we will survey many of the enduring practical issues presented in the field (for example – Why war? Why and how do states cooperate with each other? What role does international law play in international relations?) In developing our understanding of international relations from both a theoretical and practical standpoint, throughout the course we will also consider how one should define “international relations” today. Finally, we will ask in what ways, if any, do the events of the Post Cold-War era, the Post 9/11 period, and Globalization change the traditional aspects of international relations?

The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

Materials

There are two required texts available for purchase at campus bookstores:

Karen Mingst, Essentials of International Relations(3rd ed. 2004)

Karen Mingst, Essential Readings in World Politics (2nd ed. 2004)

We will be discussing current events occurring in International Relations. You should regularly (i.e. daily) read a national newspaper with a robust coverage of international affairs. I *strongly* recommend getting a student subscription to the New York Times for the duration of this course.

Other good periodical sources for the course include the Wall Street Journal, Christian Science Monitor, Business Week, Economist, American Prospect, The Nation, The New Republic.

The SPIA International Affairs website under “Resources” has a good selection of international news sources you should consult regularly.

There may also be occasional class hand-outs.

Course Requirements

Attendance and Participation

The class will involve both lecture and discussion. Class participation will factor directly into your grade. I keep attendance records for the Course. You should arrive on time for the class. If you have more than 3 unexcused absences during the semester you will lose the 5% participation grade for the Course. Habitual tardiness will also result in a loss of the 5% participation grade. If attending class Monday, Wednesday AND Friday beginning at 10:00 am is burdensome for you, then this is not the right course choice for you. My expectations for a student taking this course are that you regularly attend class, stay current with the Reading Assignments, and regularly read news coverage of International Relations current events.

Absences will be excused in case of illness, family emergency, or any legitimate academic or university obligation. If you must miss class, it is your responsibility to let me know of the circumstances of your absence, prior to the class period if at all possible.

Assignments and Evaluation

The Course Grade will be determined using a point system, with a possible total of 500 points. There will be two (2) Midterms worth 20% each and a Final Exam worth 40%. In addition, during the semester there will be three (3) unannounced quizzes worth 5% each. If you miss the quiz due to an unexcused absence you will not have the opportunity to make-up the quiz. Finally, Course Participation will count for 5% of your final grade. Most Fridays will include a "Current Events Discussion," at which we will discuss a current issue in International Affairs as it relates to the material we are covering.

The grade in the Course will be based on :

1. A Midterm examination during Week 7 (2/21), 20% of the Course Grade (100 points)
2. A Midterm examination during Week 14 (4/9), 20% of the Course Grade (100 points)
3. A Final examination on May 4 (Friday), 8:30am-11am, 40% of the Course Grade (200 points)
4. Three unannounced quizzes each worth 5% of the Course Grade (25 pts , 75 pts total)
5. Class Participation, 5% of Course Grade (25 points)

Course Letter Grades will be assigned as follows:

A- to A	450-500 points
B- to B+	400-449 points
C- to C+	350-399 points
D- to D+	300-349 points
F	Below 300 points

To receive International Affairs major credit for this Course you must receive a "C" grade or higher. A "C-" grade will not be sufficient to receive International Affairs major credit. There is no possibility of "extra credit" in the Course to bring up your point total. In case of illness, Make-up Exams will require a doctor's note from the UGA student medical center. If you have a legitimate conflict with a test date you should speak with me at your earliest opportunity.

Please Note: All academic work must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty." Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any

academic work. Plagiarism on essays and cheating on exams will not be tolerated, and will be considered grounds for failing the class.

Office Hours

My office hours are Mondays, 11-1 and by appointment. Please come see me if you have any questions, comments about the course, or problems with the reading material or assignments.

Email Policies

The best way to contact me is via email at herbert@uga.edu. If you have a general question about the course or the readings, I will address the question in class at the earliest opportunity. If you have specific questions about the lectures and/or readings or any matter concerning the course, you should come to my office hours or schedule an appointment. I will not provide substantive individual replies to emails concerning the course generally, nor will I provide substantive individual replies to emails concerning specific issues you may have regarding the class (i.e. your grade on a particular exam).

Calendar

Week 1

Mon. 1/8 Course Introduction. No Reading

Wed. 1/10 What is "International Relations"?

Readings: *Mingst*, Ch. 1, pps 1 -14; *Reader*, John Lewis Gaddis, pps. 11 - 18

Recommended Readings: *Reader*, Stephen Walt, pps. 4-10.

Fri. 1/12 What is "International Relations"? ... cont.'d

Readings: Cont.'d from 1/10

**** Current Events Discussion ****

Week 2

Mon. 1/15 NO CLASS *** Martin Luther King Day

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Wed. 1/17 The Historical Context of Contemporary IR: Ancients to Peace of Westphalia.

Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 2, pps. 17 - 28; *Reader*, Melian Dialogue, pps.18 - 20.

Fri. 1/19 The Historical Context of Contemporary IR: Concert of Europe to WWI.

Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 2, pps. 28 - 34; *Reader*, Immanuel Kant, pps. 20 - 24.

Week 3

Mon. 1/22 The Historical Context of Contemporary IR: League of Nations - Present

Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 2, pps. 35 -54; *Reader*, Woodrow Wilson, 26 - 28, George

Kennan, 28-33.

Wed. 1/24 The Historical Context of Contemporary IR: League of Nations - Present cont.
Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 2, pps. 35 - 54; *Reader*, John Lewis Gaddis, pps. 33 - 47

IR THEORETICAL APPROACHES

Fri. 1/26 Introduction: Thinking Theoretically in IR
Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 3, pps. 55 - 61; *Reader*, Stephen Walt, pps. 4 - 10
**** Current Events Discussion ****

Week 4

Mon. 1/29 IR Theory: Classical Realism
Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 3, pps. 65 - 68; *Reader*, Hans Morgenthau, pps 49 - 53, 125 - 129.

Wed. 1/31 IR Theory: Structural Realism and NeoRealists
Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 3, pps 68 - 71; *Reader*, John Mearsheimer, pps. 54 - 72,
J. Ann Tickner, pps. 94 - 101

Fri. 2/2 IR Theory: Realism Review
Readings: cont'd from 1/29 and 1/31
****Current Events Discussion****

Week 5

Mon. 2/5 IR Theory: Liberalism and the "Idealist" tradition
Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 3, pps. 62 -65; *Reader*, Michael Doyle, pps. 73 - 86

Wed. 2/7 IR Theory: NeoLiberals and Liberal Institutionalists
Readings: Keohane et al Handout

Fri. 2/9 IR Theory: NeoRealist and NeoLiberal "Toolbox" (Game Theory)
Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 3, pps. 63 - 65, 119 - 121
****Current Events Discussion****

Week 6

Mon. 2/12 IR Theory NeoRealist and NeoLiberal "Toolbox" (Game Theory)
Readings: cont from 2/9; *Reader*, Robert Jervis, pps. 309-322

Wed. 2/14 IR Theory: Constructivists
Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 3, pps. 74 - 76; *Reader*, Martha Finnemore, pps. 102 - 118

Fri. 2/16 IR Theory: Constructivists and Radical Approaches
Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 3, pps. 71 - 74, 76 - 82; *Reader*, Andre Gunder Franck, pps.86-94.
****Current Events Discussion****

Week 7

Mon. 2/19 IR Theory: Radical Approaches and IR Theory Review

Readings: cont'd from above

Wed. 2/21 * MIDTERM I ******

IR ELEMENTS

Fri. 2/23 The "International System": Unipolar, Multipolar, Balance of Power issues

Readings: *Mingst*, Ch. 4, pps. 83 - 99; *Reader*, Robert Jervis, pps. 138 - 141

****Midterm Review****

Week 8

Mon. 2/26 The "International System": Unilateralism and Multilateralism – What happens when opposites attract?

Readings: cont'd from 2/23; *Reader*, G. John Ikenberry, pps. 262 - 282

Wed. 2/28 The "International System": An "International Society"?

Readings: cont'd from 2/23; *Reader*, Hedley Bull, pps. 120 - 124

Fri. 3/1 The "International System": The "Clash of Civilizations"

Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 5, pps. 126-134; *Reader*, Samuel P. Huntington, pps. 163-169, Edward Said, pps. 171-173, Graham E. Fuller, pps. 173-180.

****Current Events Discussion****

Week 9

Mon. 3/5 The State: Conceptualization and Sources of Power

Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 5, pps. 101 - 111; *Reader*, Robert I. Rotberg, pps. 157-163.

Wed. 3/7 The State: Uses of Power

Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 5, pps. 112 - 119

Fri. 3/9 The State: Foreign Policy Decisionmaking

Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 5, pps. 121 - 128

****Current Events Discussion****

Week 10 3/12-3/16 ** NO CLASS ***** SPRING BREAK**

Week 11

Mon. 3/19 The State: Challenges – Internal and External Pressures on the "Black-box" State

Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 5, 128 - 135; *Reader*, Stephen Krasner, pps. 141-149, Anne-Marie Slaughter, pps. 149-156.

Wed. 3/21 The Individual: Governmental Actors
Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 6, 137 - 147; *Reader*, Hermann and Hagan, pps. 182-188, Robert Jervis, pps. 189-202.

Fri. 3/23 The Individual: Private Sector Elites, Transnational Advocacy Networks, and the "World Citizen" identity
Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 6, 147-157; *Reader*, Keck and Sikkink, pps. 222-233.
****Current Events Discussion****

IR ISSUES

Week 12

Mon. 3/26 War and Strife: The Causes of War
Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 8, pps. 197 -203;; *Reader*, Clausewitz, pps. 295 - 300, Thomas Schelling, pps. 301-309

Wed. 3/28 War and Strife: Types of War – Yugoslavia Case Study
Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 8, pps. 203-212; *Reader*, Barry R. Posen, pps. 357-366

Fri. 3/30 War and Strife: Terrorism
Readings: *Mingst*, pps. 212-217; *Reader*, Audrey Kurth Cronin, 367-381, Robert Pape, pps. 382-401.
****Current Events Discussion****

Week 13

Mon. 4/2 War and Strife: Terrorism
Readings: cont'd from 3/30

Wed. 4/4 War and Strife: Managing Insecurity
Readings: *Mingst*, Ch. 8, pps. 218 - 228; *Reader*, Thomas Schelling, pps. 301-309

Fri. 4/6 War and Strife: Review
Readings: *Reader*, Michael Doyle, pps. 347-357.
****Current Events Discussion****

Week 14

Mon. 4/9 *** MIDTERM II *******

Wed. 4/11 International Political Economy
Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 9, pps. 233-249.

Fri. 4/13 International Political Economy
Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 9, pps. 249-272

****Midterm Review****

Week 15

Mon. 4/16 International Law: Traditional Framework

Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 7, pps. 185 - 196; *Reader*, G. John Ikenberry, pps. 262-282

Wed. 4/18 International Law: Modern Framework

Readings: *Mingst*, Ch. 10, pps. 273-314.

Fri. 4/20 International Law: Actor and Issue Expansion in IR

Readings: cont'd from 4/18; *Reader*, Amartya Sen, pps. 477-480.

****Current Events Discussion****

Week 16

Mon. 4/23 International Organizations

Readings: *Mingst*, Ch 7, pps.159 - 185; *Reader*, Michael Glennon et al, 208 - 222

Wed. 4/25 International Organizations

Readings: cont'd from 4/23; *Reader*, John J. Mearsheimer, pps. 283 - 294

Fri. 4/27 International Law and Organizations: Breakthroughs and Challenges

Readings: cont'd from 4/23; *Reader*, Joseph E. Stiglitz, 437-460, Held et al, pps. 462-471

**** Current Events Discussion****

Week 17

Mon. 4/30 ***Last Day of Class*******

MAY 4 (FRIDAY) FINAL EXAM 8:30 am-11am