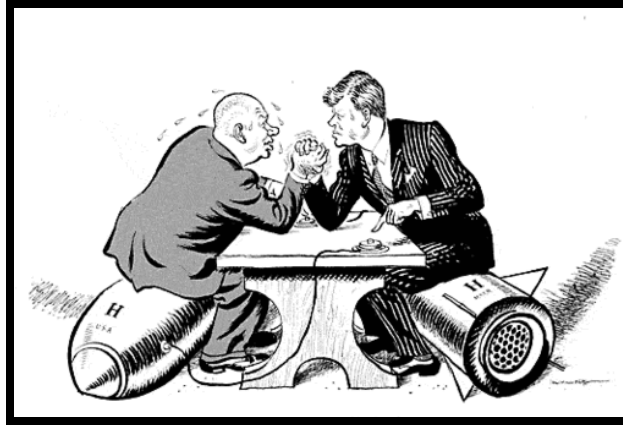


UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



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### COURSE SUMMARY

This course serves as the foundation for your study of international relations. During the semester, we will address a number of crucial questions:

- What are the major theoretical approaches in this field of study?
- How is “power” defined in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?
- Why do countries go to war when the human and economic costs are so high?
- How influential are international organizations like the United Nations?
- Is globalization a positive or negative force in less developed countries?

Beyond addressing specific questions, your first and most important task is to develop a strong *analytical* and *theoretical* background that will allow you to intelligently assess a wide range of developments in the world around you. In addition, you will be asked to participate in a complex international relations simulation during the final two weeks of this term. In this active learning exercise, you will take on a leadership position within a country, and then work with team members to ensure that your country survives and prospers in a fictitious international system called *Politica*.

**BOOKS**

- Henry R. Nau (2007). *Perspectives on International Relations: Power, Institutions, and Ideas*. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press.
- Brock F. Tossman (2007). *International Relations in Action: A World Politics Simulation*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Any additional assigned readings will be made available to you in hard copy, e-reserves or through an online source. There is a reasonable reading load for this course, so I expect that you will have read all assigned pages before the date they are discussed in class.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING COMPONENTS**

Midterm Exam:	30 Percent	<i>Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008</i>
Final Exam:	40 Percent	<i>Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008</i>
Simulation:	20 Percent	
Participation:	10 Percent	

**GRADING SCALE**

92.00 to 100.00	= A	72.00 to 77.99	= C
90.00 to 91.99	= A-	70.00 to 71.99	= C-
88.00 to 89.99	= B+	68.00 to 69.99	= D+
82.00 to 87.99	= B	62.00 to 67.99	= D
80.00 to 81.99	= B-	60.00 to 61.99	= D-
78.00 to 79.99	= C+	Below 60.00	= F

Participation is defined by classroom attendance and contribution during discussions. You will start with a 100% participation grade, but you will lose 5% for each unexcused absence. I will take attendance every day. The exams will take place in class and will only last for 75 minutes. They will be comprised of a mix of identification questions and short essay prompts. There is no paper assigned for this course, so the exams are a great way to show off your reading comprehension and also your ability to formulate a coherent and persuasive written argument. Details about the *International Relations in Action* Simulation will be discussed as we move through the term.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary. Make-up examinations are only offered for university-excused absences. Please contact me during the first week of the term if you have a conflict that will prevent you from taking an exam in class on the scheduled date.

All academic work must meet the standards contained in a “Culture of Honesty.” All students are responsible to inform themselves about those standards before performing any academic work. Don’t cheat; if you get caught you could very well fail the course and be subjected to the harshest penalty offered by the university.

The University of Georgia seeks to provide students with disabilities the opportunity to fully participate in educational programs and services. In keeping with this philosophy, it is University policy that students with documented disabilities receive reasonable accommodations through access to classroom information. If you require special accommodations because of a university-documented condition, please contact me during the first two weeks of the semester and we can work with the Disability Resource Center in order to achieve a positive outcome.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

(Important: This schedule is for planning purposes only and is subject to change)

### PART I: INTRODUCTION AND PERSPECTIVES ON IR

#### **(Tuesday) 08.19.2008: Course Introduction**

*No Reading*

#### **(Thursday) 08.21.2008: Thinking about International Relations**

*Nau (pp. 1-13)*

#### **(Tuesday) 08.26.2008: Perspectives on the Prisoner’s Dilemma**

*Nau (pp.14-42)*

#### **(Thursday) 08.28.2008: Perspectives in Detail: Realism**

*Thucydides: “The Melian Dialogue” (see WebCT)*

*Morgenthau: “Six Principles of Political Realism” (see WebCT)*

#### **(Tuesday) 09.02.2008: Perspectives in Detail: Idealism / Liberalism**

*Kant: “Perpetual Peace” (see WebCT)*

*Wilson: “Fourteen Points” (see WebCT)*

#### **(Thursday) 09.04.2008: Perspectives in Detail: Identity Theories**

*Tickner: “Feminism and IR Theory” (see WebCT)*

#### **(Tuesday) 09.09.2008: The History of International Relations**

*Nau (pp. 45-71)*

#### **(Thursday) 09.11.2008: Power and Decision Making**

*Reading TBD: (see WebCT)*

## PART II: SECURITY CONCERNS

(Tuesday) 09.16.2008: World War One

*Nau (pp. 72-93)*

(Thursday) 09.18.2008: World War One in Focus: Balance of Power

*Reading TBD (see WebCT)*

(Tuesday) 09.23.2008: World War Two

*Nau (pp. 94-117)*

(Thursday) 09.25.2008: World War Two in Focus: Human Nature and War

*Reading TBD (see WebCT)*

(Tuesday) 09.30.2008: The Cold War

*Nau (pp. 118-147)*

(Thursday) 10.02.2008: The Cold War in Focus: Deterrence and MAD

*Reading TBD (see WebCT)*

(Tuesday) 10.07.2008: After the Cold War

*Nau (pp. 148-180)*

(Thursday) 10.09.2008: After the Cold War in Focus: Power Transition Theory

*Reading TBD (see WebCT)*

\*\*\*(TUESDAY) 10.14.2008: MIDTERM EXAM\*\*\*

## PART III: INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

(Thursday) 10.16.2008: The Basics of the Global Economy

*Nau (pp. 181-207)*

(Tuesday) 10.21.2008: Globalization and the Economy

*Nau (pp. 208-255)*

(Thursday) 10.23.2008: No Class: International Security / Arms Control Conference

*No Reading*

(Tuesday) 10.28.2008: International Trade

*Nau (pp. 256-281)*

(Thursday) 10.30.2008: Development: Hits and Misses

*Nau (pp. 282-308)*

(Tuesday) 11.04.2008: Foreign Aid

*Nau (pp. 309-331)*

## PART IV: EMERGING CHALLENGES

(Thursday) 11.06.2008: New Forms of Conflict

*Nau (pp. 332-352)*

(Tuesday) 11.11.2008: The Environment and the Tragedy of the Commons

*Nau (pp. 353-372)*

**(Thursday) 11.13.2008: Global Governance: The Limits of Sovereignty**

*Nau (pp. 373-376)*

*Reading TBD (see WebCT)*

**(Tuesday) 11.18.2008: International Institutions and Democracy**

*Nau (pp. 376-401)*

**(Thursday) 11.20.2008: Introduction to IR in Action Simulation**

*IR in Action (pp. 1-35)*

**(Tuesday) 11.25.2008: No Class – Thanksgiving Break**

*No Reading (prepare for Simulation)*

**(Thursday) 11.27.2008: No Class – Thanksgiving Break**

*No Reading (prepare for Simulation)*

**(Tuesday) 12.02.2008: IR in Action Simulation Day #1**

*IR in Action (Scenarios TBD)*

**(Thursday) 12.04.2008: IR in Action Simulation Day #2**

*IR in Action (Scenarios TBD)*

**(Tuesday) 12.09.2008: IR in Action Simulation Day #3**

*IR in Action (Scenarios TBD)*

**\*\*\* (TUESDAY) 12.16.2008: FINAL EXAM 1200pm to 300pm \*\*\***