

Introduction to International Relations
INR 2002, Fall 2002
103 DHA, 2:30-3:20pm MW plus discussion sections

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

It has been almost one year since the 9/11 terrorist attacks on U.S. soil. These attacks highlighted the importance of understanding international relations, especially from a multitude of perspectives. In this course, you will learn about several contemporary international problems and the means to analyze them. Major parts of the course cover such topics as the dynamics of conflict and cooperation, the processes of foreign policy decision-making, major international economic issues, and basic future trends in global politics. The course also provides an overview of the primary perspectives and analytical approaches for studying world politics. The overall objective is to give students sufficient awareness of the interaction of political, technological, economic, and social factors to permit a critical appreciation of the contemporary international environment and ways of thinking about the future.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Your final course grade is based on three papers, three examinations, and class attendance in the discussion section. The final grades are calculated as follows:

Discussion Section	10%
3 Two Page Papers	15% (5% each)
3 Exams	75% (25% each)

Class Attendance

The main lecture meets on Monday and Wednesday from 2:30-3:20 p.m. in 103 DHA. You are expected to attend class regularly and take notes. Although I will not take attendance in the main lecture, a majority of the material for the exams is taken from my lecture notes. I will use material for lecture that is not covered in the readings. If you miss class, it is your responsibility to get the lecture notes from a classmate.

Each student is also assigned to one of the discussion sections listed below:

Section 2	Friday	2:30-3:20pm	103 DHA
Section 3	Thursday	8:00-8:50am	334 RBB
Section 4	Thursday	9:30-10:20am	334 RBB

These sections are designed to facilitate discussion about the course material in a smaller class environment. You are **required** to attend your discussion section each week. Attendance in the discussion section will account for 10% of your final course grade. Christina Fattore, the teaching assistant for the course, will determine your grade. You will be allowed to miss *one* discussion section class throughout the semester that will not count against your final attendance grade. See the detailed class schedule below to determine which weeks your discussion section will be cancelled due to university holidays or other reasons.

Papers

This course's discussion sections offer a more informal setting for questions and discussion about the material covered in the readings and lecture. The readings for the discussion sections come primarily from the book *21 Debated*, which presents statements by scholars and policymakers who have different views on important current issues. All students should complete the assigned reading before class each week and be prepared to discuss the issue. Furthermore, each student will be required to write **three** two page discussion papers (typed, double spaced, and in prose with proper grammar and spelling), which will (1) offer the instructor a concrete way to evaluate students' comprehension of the assigned readings, and (2) improve the quality of the discussion sections by giving students an opportunity to think about the main discussion topics in advance. The paper should summarize the positions presented in the reading and offer the student's own views and reactions. Each student may choose the issues that he or she wishes to write on subject to the following constraints: 1) Students may not write papers in Weeks 1 or 2, and 2) Students must submit one paper during each of the following time periods: Weeks 3-5, Weeks 7-10, and Weeks 12-15 (the instructors will not accept more than one paper from a student in each of these time periods, and thus failure to comply will result in a zero for one of the paper grades). Papers on a given issue are due at the beginning of the class period in which the issue is discussed. Late papers will not be accepted.

Examinations

There are a total of three multiple-choice exams in this course. They are scheduled on Wednesday, October 2nd, Wednesday, November 6th and Monday, December 9th (during final exam week). Make-up exams will be given only to students with medical or personal emergencies (death in the family). If an emergency arises, you will need to contact me **before** the exam or you will receive zero credit. I will be strict on this policy.

Academic Honor Code

Students are expected to uphold the Academic Honor Code published in The Florida State University Bulletin and the Student Handbook. The Academic Honor System of The Florida State University is based on the premise that each student has the responsibility (1) to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity in the student's own work, (2) to refuse to tolerate violations of academic integrity in the university community, and (3) to foster a high sense of integrity and social responsibility on the part of the university community.

ADA Policy

Students with disabilities needing academic accommodation should (1) register with and provide documentation to the Student Disability Resource Center, and (2) bring a letter to the instructor indicating the need for accommodation and what type. This should be done during the first week of class.

REQUIRED READING

The following books are available for purchase at Bills' bookstores and the FSU bookstore:

Goldstein, Joshua S. 2003. *International Relations, Fifth Edition*. New York: Longman.

Nye, Joseph S., Jr. 2003. *Understanding International Conflicts: An Introduction to Theory and History, Fourth Edition*. New York: Longman.

Scott, Gregory M., Louis Furmanski, and Randall J. Jones, Jr. 2000. *21 Debated Issues in World Politics*. New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

DISCUSSION AND READING SCHEDULE

Readings listed for each day should be completed *before* the class meeting.

Week 1:

Monday, Aug. 26	Introduction and Overview of Course
Wednesday, Aug. 28	Understanding International Relations Goldstein, Chapter 1
Discussion (8/29 & 8/30)	The Aftermath of 9/11, Goldstein, pp. 52-69

Week 2:

Monday, Sept. 2	No Class, Labor Day Holiday
Wednesday, Sept. 4	Is There an Enduring Logic of Conflict in World Politics? Nye, Chapter 1 Goldstein, pp. 71-78, 90-92
Discussion (9/5 & 9/6)	Origins of the Great Twentieth-Century Conflicts Nye, Chapter 2

Week 3:

Monday, Sept. 9	Balance of Power Nye, Chapter 3 Goldstein, pp. 92-102
Wednesday, Sept. 11	Military Force Goldstein, Chapter 6
Discussion (9/12 & 9/13)	Scott, et al., Issue 19: China

Week 4:

Monday, Sept. 16 Collective Security
Nye, Chapter 4
Wednesday, Sept. 18 Deterrence and Containment
Nye, Chapter 5
Discussion (9/19 & 9/20) Scott, et al., Issue 4: Nuclear Weapons and Issue 5: Nuclear
Proliferation

Week 5:

Monday, Sept. 23 Intervention, Institutions, and Regional Conflict
Nye, Chapter 6
Wednesday, Sept. 25 International Conflict
Goldstein, Chapter 5
Discussion (9/26 & 9/27) Scott, et al., Issue 15: Intervention or Isolation? and Issue 16:
Military Intervention: Kosovo

Week 6:

Monday, Sept. 30 Alternatives to Power Politics
Goldstein, Chapter 3
Wednesday, Oct. 2 **Exam I**
Discussion (10/3 & 10/4) No discussion sections, Fall Break

Week 7:

Monday, Oct. 7 Globalization and Interdependence
Nye, Chapter 7
Goldstein, pp. 306-308
Wednesday, Oct. 9 The United Nations
Goldstein, pp. 261-283
Discussion (10/10 & 10/11) Scott et al, Issue 1: Globalizing the World

Week 8:

Monday, Oct. 14 International Law
Goldstein, pp. 283-299
Wednesday, Oct. 16 Integration: The European Union
Goldstein, pp. 379-394
Discussion (10/17 & 10/18) Scott et al, Issue 3: International Criminal Court and Issue 10: EMU

Week 9:

Monday, Oct. 21 Trade
Goldstein, pp. 303-319
Wednesday, Oct. 23 Trade
Goldstein, pp. 319-337
Discussion (10/24 & 10/25) Scott et al, Issue 9: Protectionism

Week 10:

Monday, Oct. 28 Money
Goldstein, Chapter 9
Wednesday, Oct. 30 International Development
Goldstein, pp. 495-512
Discussion (10/31 & 11/1) Scott et al, Issue 11: IMF

Week 11:

Monday, Nov. 4 The North-South Gap
Goldstein, Chapter 12
Wednesday, Nov. 6 **Exam II**
Discussion (11/7 & 11/8) No discussion sections, SPSA meetings

Week 12:

Monday, Nov. 11 No Class, Veterans Day Holiday
Wednesday, Nov. 13 The North-South Gap
Goldstein, Chapter 12
Discussion (11/14 & 11/15) Scott et al, Issue 17: Humanitarian Intervention
Section 2 (Friday) will not meet due to Homecoming Events;
students may attend one of the other scheduled sections on
Thursday.

Week 13:

Monday, Nov. 18 Environment
Goldstein, pp. 413-438
Wednesday, Nov. 20 Population
Goldstein, pp. 438-449
Discussion (11/21 & 11/22) Scott et al, Issue 20: Environment and Issue 21: Health

Week 14:

Monday, Nov. 25 Special Topic 1: Terrorism
Scott et al, Issue 7: Terrorism
Wednesday, Nov. 27 Special Topic 2: Confronting Future Threats
Scott et al, Issue 14: Political Islam and 19: China
Discussion (11/28 & 11/29) No discussion sections due to Thanksgiving Break

Week 15:

Monday, Dec. 2 Thinking about the future: the Liberal Peace or the Realist Struggle?
Wednesday, Dec. 4 A New World Order?
Nye, Chapter 9
Goldstein, pp. 537-539
Discussion (12/5 & 12/6) Scott et al, Issue 12: The Future of Democracy

Final Exam (Note: this is not a comprehensive exam): Monday, December 9th; 7:30-9:30am