

PO3600
International Relations 3600

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The Course:

This course introduces students to the major concepts and theories of international relations. The course takes a theoretical approach and practical perspective and is intended to apply theories to current events in the international system.

Objectives:

By the end of this course, students will have the capability to apply various theories of how the international system works to current international crises and events. Students will be able to converse, with some confidence, with their parents and peers about international situations.

Texts:

Rourke (R) International Politics on the World Stage

Art and Jervis (AJ) International Politics

Kegley and Wittkopf (KW) The Global Agenda

Grading:

Grading is based on the 9 point system.

15% First term paper
7% Participation
25% Christmas Exam

15% Second Term Paper
8% Participation
30% Final Exam
=100%

Readings:

Additional readings will be placed on reserve:

1. What is International Relations and the Current International System?

R-1,2 KW-13-17, 21 AJ 1-55

Delete 36-50 GAME THEORY

2. Influence, Power and the International System

R-7,9 KW-1

3. Balance of Power and Alliances

KW-18, AJ 70-78

4. Traditional- Scientific Debate

TBA

5. Levels of Analysis (system, state, individual)

R- 3-5

6. Idealism, Realism and National Interests

R- 6,8 KW 12 AJ 56-69

7. Decision-Making, Diplomacy

Kw -8, 24 , AJ Part 4 R 11

8. Conflict

R-13-14, KW-2-7, AJ 113-199

9. International Economics

R-15-18, KW- 22-23, 36-37, AJ Part 3

10. International Law and Organization

R-10,12 KW- 19-20 AJ- 90-111

11. Justice and the Future of the International System

KW- 25, 38-39

AJ 491-541