

POL208Y

Introduction to International Relations

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Department of Political Science
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Monday and Wednesday 6pm– 8pm
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Purpose of the Course

This course is designed to help you acquire the intellectual tools used to understand and analyze international politics. The course is divided into four parts:

- Part I introduces you to concepts and analytical perspectives used to study international politics. This part is intended to help you to organize information on global issues in a coherent way. It also tries to assist you in developing your own perspective(s) on the issues.
- Part II places international relations in historical context. It tries to help you gain a deeper understanding of the roots of the international system and how the modern international system was put in place.
- Part III turns your attention to themes and issue-areas that have attracted the attention of students and scholars of international relations. It is intended not only to convey information on global issues but also to provide you the opportunity to examine the explanatory power of the analytical perspectives discussed in part I.
- Part IV examines emerging areas in the IR sub-field. This part also offers you the opportunity to assess the future of these areas.

Course Text

John Baylis and Steve Smith, eds., *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*, 4th edition, (Oxford University Press, 2009). The book is available at the University of Toronto Bookstore.

The following journals may contain useful information on issues that will be covered in class and tutorials:

British Journal of International Relations	Politics and Society
British Journal of Politics & International Relations	Foreign Affairs
Harvard International Review	Millennium
International Journal	Washington Quarterly
International Organization	Global Governance
International Studies Quarterly	Foreign Policy
Journal of Development Economics	Comparative Politics
Journal of Development Studies	Journal of World Trade
Journal of International Affairs	IMF Survey
Journal of International Economics	Global Society
Review of International Political Economy	New Economy
Review of International Studies	World Politics
The World Economy	New Political Economy
World Development	Third World Quarterly
World Policy Journal	The Economist

Writing Requirements and Participation

Assignments	Value	Date Due	Place	Length
Midterm Test	25%	June 14, 2010	Lecture hall	2hours
Research Paper	40%	July 7, 2010	Lecture hall	10-12pages
Final Test	20%	July 28, 2010	Lecture hall	2hours
Tutorials	15%	End of term	In tutorials	1/per week

Research Paper

The research essay is due in class on July 7, 2010. It should be 10-12 pages long or 2500 words. You are required to draw on at least seven (7) reputable works—three (3) scholarly journal articles, two (2) text books or a chapter in two (2) different books and two (2) reputable newspaper/magazine/internet articles—to craft a well-thought-out and clearly argued research paper.

- The research paper must have 1-inch margins and 12 point font-size in Times New Roman.
- The research paper should be double-spaced and numbered.
- Use either footnotes at the bottom of the page or endnotes at the end of the paper or in text citation but not a combination of these. Citations do count towards the length requirements of your paper. As a result, those who use footnotes or endnotes are allowed to submit papers that are up to 12 pages long but the papers of those who use in text citation must not exceed 10 pages.
- The research paper must be proofread for spelling, typographical, grammatical, or syntactical errors.
- A printed copy of your research paper must be submitted in class on or before 6:10pm on July 7, 2010. Papers handed in after 6:10pm on the due date will be subject to a 1% penalty.
- There will be a penalty of 2% of the assignment grade per day for late papers (including weekends).
- To be fair to all students, research papers submitted after July 26, 2010 will not be accepted unless you have been granted an extension.
- Late research papers must be submitted to your TA through the reception desk in the Department of Political Science on the third floor of Sidney Smith Hall.
- Ensure that your late research paper is date-stamped at the reception desk in the Department of Political Science.
- Do not attempt to submit your paper by leaving it under an office door or sending it by e-mail or fax or any other medium. Papers submitted in any form other than printed copy will not be accepted.
- Make a copy of your paper before submitting it and keep copies of your research notes.
- You should request extensions in writing from your TA. The TA will grant the extension only on unavoidable and justifiable grounds (e.g. serious illness, etc).
- You will be required to submit an acceptable documentation (such as doctor's note on the official University of Toronto Medical Note form in case of illness) to have any chance of being granted an extension.
- You should acknowledge properly the work and ideas of other people.
- You are reminded that plagiarism is a serious academic offense and the offender will be punished. Read carefully the University's policies on proper academic behavior at www.utoronto.ca/govcncl/pap/policies/behaveac.html, www.utoronto.ca/writing/plagsep.html. You should consult me or your TA or any one of the many guides available at the Writing Center (<http://www.utoronto.ca/writing>) if you are at all uncertain about what constitutes plagiarism, or what acceptable forms of citation and referencing are.

Midterm Test and Final Test

The midterm test will be held in class on June 14, 2010 between 6pm and 8pm and the final test will be held on July 28, 2010 in class. The midterm test and the final test are

based on the material covered in class, during tutorials and in the assigned text. The midterm test and the final examination will have at least two sections. Part I will give you the chance to show your understanding of concepts covered in class. Part II will offer you the opportunity to show your understanding of theoretical perspectives and key debates.

You should request extensions in writing from me within three days in case you were unable to take part in the midterm and final test. I will grant the extension only in the case of unavoidable and justifiable situations. Only those who provide acceptable documentation will have a chance to write make-up test. Please contact your College Registrar in case you missed final examinations

Tutorials

Tutorials will start during the week of May 24, 2010. Tutorial attendance is mandatory. You are required to sign up for a tutorial session and you will not be allowed to move to another tutorial group. Tutorial performance will constitute 15% of your total course grade. No tutorials will be held during Weeks 8, and 12. Questions for each tutorial session, tutorial assignments and breakdown of tutorial grade will be provided during the first tutorial session.

Contacts

I will be pleased to see you during regular office hours. I will also be happy to answer your questions about the course through email. However, please take note of the following:

- It is advisable that you consult the course syllabus before sending questions about the course via email to me.
- It is recommended that you use your UTOR account when communicating with me. You must therefore have a University of Toronto email address.
- I will answer only simple and direct questions about the course through email.
- I will do my best to reply to your e-mail messages within 24 hours of receipt of the mail during regular business hours.
- I will not be checking my e-mails regularly or not at all on weekends or after regular business hours.
- I will use email address provided by ROSI to get in touch with you. Please ensure that your information on ROSI is up-to-date.

Course Schedule and Readings

Week 1

May 10: Overview

May 12: Levels of Analysis

Steve Smith, The discipline of international relations: still an American social Science? *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, Vol. 2 Issue 3 (2000), page 374-402. Available on course website.

Part 1: Analytical Issues

Week 2

May 17: Key Concepts

Baylis & Smith, pp. 1-35.

May 19: Realism

Baylis & Smith, Chs. 5; Ch. 7

Week 3

May 24: Victoria Day (No class)

May 26: Liberalism

Baylis & Smith, Chs. 6&7.

Week 4

May 31: Marxist Perspectives

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 8.

June 2: The Third Debate

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 10.

Week 5

June 7: Alternative Perspectives

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 15.

June 09: Social Constructivism

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 9.

Part II: Historical Processes

Week 6

June 14: **Midterm Test**

June 16: Critical Junctures of the International System
Baylis & Smith, Chs. Ch. 2&3.

Part III: Mainstream Areas

Week 7

June 21: Peace and Conflict
Baylis & Smith, Ch. 12; Ch. 13

June 23: International Political Economy
Baylis & Smith, Ch. 14; Ch. 26.

NO CLASS ON 28&30: SUMMER BREAK

Week 8

July 5: Public Diplomacy
Baylis & Smith, Ch 16.

July 7: International Organizations
Baylis & Smith, Chs. 18&19.

Research Paper Due

Week 9

July 12: Regional Integration
Baylis & Smith, Ch 25.

July 14: Regional Institutions
Baylis & Smith, Ch. 17.

Week 10

July 19: Globalization

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 32.

Part III: Emerging Areas

July 21: Global Environmental Issues
Baylis & Smith, Ch. 20.

Week 11

July 26: International Development
Baylis & Smith, Ch. 27.

July 28: **Final Test**

Week 12

August 2: Civic Holiday (No class)

August 4: Review