This course will introduce students to the study of international politics. It will do so by providing students with the conceptual tools necessary to critically evaluate arguments attempting to explain international relations. It is not a survey of current world events, nor will it provide a complete history of the international system of states and international institutions. It will provide a thematic exploration of major topics in international relations theory. The course will begin with an examination of the various theories and paradigms that dominate the study of international relations. We will then briefly look at the foundations of the international system of states through a brief review of its emergence and core institutions before focussing on the core of the subject: explaining war, conflict and peace. In the second term we will focus on the interactions between politics and economics in international affairs and what is commonly referred to as “globalization”. Finally we will examine core themes such as international law, human rights, and the global environment. The course ends by exploring several scenarios for the future of the international system.

**Format and Requirements**

The course will meet for one two hour lecture each week and a one hour tutorial. Each class will begin with a brief period for questions related to the readings or previous lectures followed by the day’s lecture. At the end of each lecture there will also be a brief period for questions from students. The times and beginning of tutorials will be announced in class. Participation in the tutorials is strongly encouraged and will determine 10 % of your final grade. Students will be responsible for the materials covered in the lectures as well as the readings (which are intended to compliment each other and thus will not always cover the same material). An effort will be made to link class discussions to current events, wherever possible. It is therefore recommended that students keep themselves informed of current developments by reading a daily newspaper with good coverage of international affairs, like The Globe and Mail, The New York Times or Washington Post as well as publications like the Economist, Foreign Policy etc..

The final grade for this course will be evaluated on the basis of the following components:

- First written assignment (5-7 pages) 20%
- Midterm Test 25%
- Second written assignment (5-7 pages) 20%
- Final Test 25%
- Tutorials 10%
Paper topics for the written assignments will be distributed in class two weeks prior to the submission deadline.

The midterm and final test will take place during the regular lecture time, on the last meeting of each semester (weeks 12 and 24). Both tests will be closed book. Each will include all the material covered during the semester (lectures, readings, tutorials). The final test, while focusing on the material taught during the winter semester, will have some limited cumulative dimension.

Tutorials will be graded based on attendance and, more importantly, informed in-class participation. Attending fewer than 60% of the tutorials, in either semester, could lead to a final tutorial grade of 0%.

Important Dates

- First week of October   Tutorials start meeting
- October 24   First paper topic distributed
- November 14   Papers are due (in class—before the beginning of the lecture)
- Dec. 5   Midterm Test
- February 6   Second paper topics distributed
- February 27   Papers are due (in class—before the beginning of the lecture)
- April 3   Final Test

Academic Integrity

All written assignments must follow basic academic citation rules. All words and ideas of published works of other individuals should be properly acknowledged. Please consult your TA regarding his or hers preferred forms and rules of citation. Plagiarism is a serious academic offense and will be dealt with accordingly. For further clarification and information please see the University of Toronto’s policy on plagiarism on http://www.utoronto.ca/writing/plagsep.html. Failure to understand what constitutes plagiarism will not be accepted as an excuse.

- Students are strongly advised to keep rough draft-work and hard copies of their essays and assignments. These should be kept until the marked assignments have been returned.

Rules and Regulations

- No photography or audio recording of the lectures is permitted without prior consent of the instructor. Lecture outlines will be posted on Blackboard after the lecture.

- If you are unable to submit term papers or attend the midterms at the appointed time, you must request permission for an extension or a makeup exam. In order to maintain fairness and efficiency in such a large course all such requests will be handled centrally by the head TA.

In general, extensions will not be granted unless it is a case of unavoidable and unforeseeable extenuating circumstances.
To seek an extension or a makeup exam you must submit a hard copy of a one page explanation justifying your request. This document should indicate how the circumstances surrounding your request were both unavoidable and unforeseeable. You must contact the head TA to schedule a meeting in which you will submit this document and make your case. In some instances, the head TA may request additional supporting documentation before any extension is granted. Extensions will not be granted unless such a meeting has been held. Unless the head TA informs you otherwise, we do not collect nor require doctors’ notes.

- Normally, you will have two weeks to prepare a paper. The dates for the papers are clearly stated throughout this document. Plan your schedule accordingly! Extensions on paper submission are EXTREMELY rare.

- Assignments in other courses are NOT grounds for an extension or a makeup exam.

- Written assignments are to be handed to your TA on the due date, as stated on the course syllabus at the beginning of the lecture class. Late submissions will be penalized as follows: the late submission penalty is 3% per each late day or fraction of a day, weekends included. The cut off time for the determination of a late day is 5pm. Late-assignments should be submitted to the main desk of the Political Science Department (on the 3rd floor of Sidney Smith Hall). Students should make sure that late submissions are signed and dated by departmental staff. Only hard copies are acceptable, e-mailed or faxed assignments will not be accepted unless you have obtained prior approval from your TA.

- All papers should be printed, double spaced, 12 font, with proper margins, page numbers and securely stapled. Papers that go beyond the stated page limit for the assignment, or papers that do not conform to the directions above, may be penalized. Make sure that a signed copy of the integrity checklist is attached to your paper.

- In case of a missed midterm, it is the responsibility of the student to contact the head TA as soon as possible (at the latest within a week of the original exam date) to arrange for a makeup exam.

- No accommodation will be offered for missed tutorials, unless students have acceptable and adequately documented reasons for missing a tutorial as determined by their TA. Students should contact their TA to discuss such circumstances—preferably prior to the tutorial in question.

- If you have concerns regarding your grade (either a paper grade or a midterm grade) you should first discuss the matter with your TA. If this discussion does not resolve the problem you can submit a grade appeal to me. No appeal will be considered unless it is accompanied by a detailed written explanation of why you feel the grade is unjustified, and unless the issue was first discussed in person with your TA. Once an appeal is submitted I will reexamine the entire assignment, not just the question or
paragraph mentioned in the appeal. Since I will be re-grading the assignment anew, the appeal process can result in one of three outcomes: no change to the original grade, a higher grade, or a lower grade. Important deadlines: Potential appeals must be discussed with your TA within two weeks of grade submission. If you wish to submit a written appeal to me, you must submit it within 10 days of the meeting with your TA.

➢ THE FINAL GRADES IN THIS COURSE ARE FINAL. We will not round grades up or add a few points to the grade. The grades are not arbitrary; they reflect our assessment of your work. If you need to maintain a certain average, or get a specific minimum grade in this class, make sure that the quality your work warrants this grade. We will be happy to offer help prior to the paper/midterms. However, once the grades are in, we will not make any changes to the grade even if you are “only missing two points” and not rounding up the grade is “mean, evil and certain to ruin your life.”

Required Texts

Robert Jackson & George Sorensen, Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches, 6th ed., Oxford University Press, 2018

All other readings will be available through the library course reserve system.

Lecture Topics and Readings for Fall Term by Week

Sept.12: Introduction: International Relations as an Academic Subject
Readings: Jackson & Sorensen, Chapter 1: Why study IR? & chapter 2, IR as an Academic Subject

Sept.19: Realism
Readings: Jackson & Sorenson: chapter 3
Stephen Walt, The World Wants You to Think Like a Realist; Foreign Policy, May 30, 2018

Sept.26: Liberalism
Readings: Jackson & Sorensen: chapter 4

Oct.3: IPE & Marxism in I.R.
Readings: Critical Approaches: IPE and Marxism
Jackson & Sorensen: chapters 6 and 7

Oct. 10: Social Constructivism and Post-positivism
Readings Jackson & Sorenson: chapter 8 &9

Oct. 17: Foreign Policy
Readings Jackson & Sorenson: chapter 10
First Essay Topic to be announced in class

Foundations: International Relations in World History

Oct. 24: Five Centuries in Two Hours: The Emergence of the Westphalian State System
Readings Frieden, Lake & Schultz: Chapter 1 pp.2-22
Charles Tilly; War Making and State Making as Organized Crime; in Evans, Rueschemeyer and Skocpol eds. Bringing the State Back In, Cambridge University Press 1985,

Oct.31: The Cold War and it’s Aftermath
Readings Frieden, Lake & Schultz: Chapter 1, pp 22-42
Waltz, Kenneth N. 1990. “Nuclear Myths and Political Realities.” The American Political Science Review. 84/3:731-745

Nov.7: Reading Week

War Conflict and Peace

Nov. 14: War I
Readings Frieden, Lake & Schultz, Chapter 3
Russett, Bruce, Harvey Starr, and David Kinsella. 2000. World Politics: The Menu for Choice. Toronto: Wadsworth. Ch. 8
Paper due at beginning of lecture

Nov. 21: War II: Domestic Politics and War
Readings Frieden, Lake & Schultz: chapter 4, pp.136-154

Nov 28: Peace
Readings Frieden, Lake & Schultz: chapter 4, pp. 154-182

Dec.5: Midterm-Test
Jan. 9:  International Institutions and War  
Readings: Frieden, Lake & Schultz: Chapter 5

Jan. 16:  Violence by Non-state Actors: Civil War and Terrorism  
Readings: Frieden, Lake & Schultz: Chapter 6

**International Political Economy**

Jan. 23:  Globalization I: Trade  
Readings: Frieden, Lake & Schultz: chapter 7  

Jan. 30:  Globalization II: International Financial Relations  
Readings: Frieden, Lake & Schultz: chapter 8  
**Second essay prompt to be announced in class**

Feb. 6:  Globalization III: International Monetary Relation  
Readings: Frieden, Lake & Schultz: chapter 9

Feb. 13:  Globalization IV: North-South  
Readings: Frieden, Lake & Schultz: chapter 10  
Jackson & Sorenson: chapter 8 pp.205-214  
**Second Paper due at the beginning of lecture**

Feb. 20:  Reading Week

Feb. 27:  International Law and Norms  
Readings: Frieden, Lake & Schultz: chapter 11  

March 6:  Human Rights  
Readings: Frieden, Lake & Schultz: chapter 12

March 13: The Global Environment
Readings: Frieden, Lake & Schultz: chapter 13

March 20: The Future of International Politics
Readings: Frieden, Lake & Schultz: chapter 14

March 27: Conclusions: IR Theory Revisited
Readings: Jackson & Sorensen: chapter 11

April 3 Final Test

**A WARNING ABOUT PLAGIARISM**

Plagiarism is an academic offence with a severe penalty.

It is essential that you understand what plagiarism is and that you do not commit it. In essence, it is the theft of the thoughts or words of others, without giving proper credit. You must put others’ words in quotation marks and cite your source(s). You must give citations when using others’ ideas, even if those ideas are paraphrased in your own words. Plagiarism is unacceptable in a university.

The University of Toronto provides a process that faculty members must initiate when they suspect a case of plagiarism. In the Department of Political Science, suspected evidence of plagiarism must be reported to the Chairman.

A faculty member may not mark an assignment or assess a penalty if he or she finds evidence of plagiarism – the matter must be reported. The Chairman, or Dean, will assess the penalty.

The following are some examples of plagiarism:
1. Submitting as your own an assignment written by someone else.
2. Quoting an author without indicating the source of the words.
3. Using words, sentences, or paragraphs written by someone else and failing to place quotation marks around the material and reference the source and author. **Using either quotation marks or reference alone is not sufficient. Both must be used!**
4. Adapting an author’s ideas or theme and using it as your own without referencing the original source.
5. Seeking assistance from a friend or family member in respect to work you claim as your own.

If you are not sure whether you have committed plagiarism, it is better to ask a faculty member than risk discovery and be forced to accept an academic penalty.

Plagiarism is cheating. It is considered a serious offence against intellectual honesty and intellectual property. Penalties for an undergraduate can be severe.

At a minimum, a student is likely to receive a “0” mark for the assignment or test in question. But a further penalty is often assessed, such as a further reduction from the course mark or placing a permanent notation of the incident on an academic record.

Some website listed below on avoiding plagiarism:
‘How to Use Sources and Avoid Plagiarism’ - available at:
http://www.utoronto.ca/writing/plagsep.html
and http://www.utoronto.ca/writing/document.html
Other Advisory Material available at:
www.utoronto.ca/writing