

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 three 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).
- 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 current 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.

Course Text

John Baylis and Steve Smith, eds., *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*, 5th edition, (Oxford University Press, 2013). 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 19, 2013	Lecture hall	2hours
Research Paper	35%	July 8, 2013	Lecture hall	10pages
Final Test	25%	August 7, 2013	Lecture hall	2hours
Tutorials	15%	End of term	In tutorials	1/per week

Research Paper

The research essay is due in class on July 8, 2013. It should be 10 pages long. I will provide the topic and other details during the first week of class.

- 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 but not a combination of these. Citations do count towards the length requirements of your paper.

- 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 8, 2013. Papers handed in after 6:10pm on the due date will be subjected to 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 24, 2013 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 before the due date of assignment. The TA will grant the extension only on unavoidable and justifiable grounds (e.g. serious illness, etc). The TA will not entertain request for extension after the deadline for the assignment had passed.
- 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.

Midterm Test and Final Test

The midterm test will be held in class on June 19, 2013 between 6pm and 8pm and the final test will be held on August 7, 2013 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 before the test date in case you were unable to write any of the tests. 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.

Tutorials

Tutorials will start during the week of May 22, 2013. 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 13. Questions for each tutorial session, tutorial assignments and breakdown of tutorial grade will be provided by the TA during the first tutorial session.

Academic Integrity

You are reminded that academic integrity is fundamental to learning and scholarship at the University of Toronto. Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in this academic community ensures that the U of T degree that you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement, and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

Please read carefully the University's policies on proper academic behaviour at <http://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/osai/students>. Academic dishonesty is a serious offense and the offender can be expelled from the University. You should consult me or any one of the many guides available at the Writing Centre (<http://www.utoronto.ca/writing>) if you are at all uncertain about what constitutes academic dishonesty, or what acceptable forms of citation and referencing are. Potential offences include, but are not limited to:

In papers and assignments:

- Using someone else's ideas or words without appropriate acknowledgement.
- Copying material word-for-word from a source (including lecture and study group notes) and not placing the words within quotation marks.
- Submitting your own work in more than one course without the permission of the instructor.
- Making up sources or facts.
- Including references to sources that you did not use.
- Obtaining or providing unauthorized assistance on any assignment including
 - working in groups on assignments that are supposed to be individual work,
 - having someone rewrite or add material to your work while "editing".
- Lending your work to a classmate who submits it as his/her own without your permission.

On tests and exams:

- Using or possessing any unauthorized aid, including a cell phone.
- Looking at someone else's answers
- Letting someone else look at your answers.
- Misrepresenting your identity.

- Submitting an altered test for re-grading.

Misrepresentation:

- Falsifying or altering any documentation required by the University, including doctor's notes.
- Falsifying institutional documents or grades.

Accessibility Concerns

The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodations for a disability, or have any accessibility concerns about the course, the classroom or course materials, please contact Accessibility Services as soon as possible: disability.services@utoronto.ca or [_http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/accessibility](http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/accessibility).

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. 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 email messages within 24 hours of receipt of the mail during regular business hours. I will not be checking my emails regularly, and possibly not at all, on weekends or after regular business hours. I will be using the class mailing list provided by the University of Toronto to get in touch with you.

Course Schedule and Readings

Part 1: Analytical Issues

Week 1

May 13: Overview, Levels of Analysis, and Key Concepts

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.

May 15: Realism

Baylis & Smith, Chs. 5; Ch. 7

Week 2

May 20: Victoria Day (No class)

May 22: Liberalism

Baylis & Smith, Chs. 6&32.

Week 3

May 27: Marxism

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 8&33.

May 29: The Third Debate

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 10.

Week 4

June 3: Social Constructivism

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 9.

June 5: Post-Colonialism

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 11.

Part II: Historical Processes

Week 5

June 10: The Evolution of International Community

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 2.

June 12: Critical Historical Periods I

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 3.

Week 6

June 17: Critical Historical Periods II

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 4.

June 19: Midterm Test

Part III: Issue-Areas

Week 7

June 24: Security

Baylis & Smith, Chs. 14&22.

June 26: International Political Economy

Baylis & Smith, Chs. 15&27.

Week 8

July 1: Canada Day (No class)

July 3: International Organizations

Baylis & Smith, Chs. 18&19.

Week 9

July 8: International Law **Research Paper Due**

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 17.

July 10: Regional Integration

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 26.

Week 10

July 15: Globalization

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 1 and Introduction.

July 17: Gender

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 16.

Week 11

July 22: The Developing World

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 28.

July 24: Human Security

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 27.

Week 12

July 29: Human Rights

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 30.

July 31: Environment

Baylis & Smith, Ch. 21.

Week 13:

August 5: Civic Day (No class)

August 7: Final Test