

SPRING 2008

Schedule of Lectures and Readings

1. T, 4/1: Introduction-Thinking Globally
Th, 4/3: Historical Legacies Chapter 1
2. T, 4/8: *Realism* Chapter 2
Th, 4/10: *Constructivism* **Writing #1: Infl. Of History**
*Guest Speaker
3. T, 4/15: International Organization Chapter 7
Th, 4/17: International Law *Guest Speaker
Writing #2: Is realism realistic?
4. T, 4/22: *Radical Challenges* Chapter 3
Th, 4/24: Global Inequality Chapter 12
5. T, 4/29: Applying Theory **Writing #3: National vs. global**
Th, 5/1: **MIDTERM**
6. T, 5/6: *Foreign Policy* Chapter 4
Th, 5/8: Security and Conflict Chapter 5
7. T, 5/13: Negotiation **Writing #4: Sources of conflict**
Th, 5/15: *Liberalism*
8. T, 5/20: Finance Chapter 9
Th, 5/22: Trade Chapter 8
9. T, 5/27: *Transnationalism* Chapter 10
Th, 5/29: Environment **Writing #5: Forms of cooperation**
Chapter 11
10. T, 6/3: Development Chapter 13
Th, 6/5: Conclusion: Another World Is Possible?

FINAL EXAM: T, 6/10 @ 10:30-12:30

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Political Science 41A/ International Studies
Spring 2008
T TH 11-12:20

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	Midterm	25
	Final	35
	Class participation--section	15 %

Readings

Joshua Goldstein, International Relations, Longman, 2006-2007 Edition.

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FOUNDATIONS--

1. T, 1/9: Introduction
TH, 1/11: Historical Legacies Chapter 1
2. T, 1/16: The International System **Writing #1: Infl. Of History**
TH, 1/18: Realism Chapter 2
3. T, 1/23: Liberalism **Writing #2: Is realism realistic?**
TH, 1/25: Radical Challenges Chapter 3
4. T, 1/30: Domestic Politics Chapter 4
TH, 2/1: *Applying Theory **Writing #3: National vs. global**
5. T, 2/6: IR, Ethics, and Policy Choice
TH, 2/8: MIDTERM

ISSUES--

6. T, 2/13: Security and Conflict Chapter 5
TH, 2/15: Negotiation **Writing #4: Sources of conflict**
7. T, 2/20: International Organization Chapter 7
TH, 2/22: Globalization Chapter 10
8. T, 2/27: Trade Chapter 8
TH, 3/1: *Development Chapter 12
9. T, 3/6: Global Poverty Chapter 13
TH, 3/8: Global Commons: Environment **Writing #5: Forms of cooperation**
Chapter 11
10. T, 3/13: Gender and IR
TH, 3/15: Conclusion

FINAL EXAM: T, March 22 @ 4-6 PM

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Political Science 41A/ International Studies
Winter 2005
T TH 3:30-5

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Joshua Goldstein, International Relations, Longman, 2002—2nd Brief Edition.

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FOUNDATIONS^B

1. TH, 1/6: Introduction
2. T, 1/11: Historical Legacies Chapter 1
TH, 1/13: Facts and Fiction
3. T, 1/18: The International System **Writing #1: Infl. Of History**
TH, 1/20: Realism Chapter 2
4. T, 1/25: Liberalism **Writing #2: Is realism realistic?**
TH, 1/27: Radical Challenges Chapter 3
5. T, 2/1: Global Alternatives **Writing #3: National vs. global**
TH, 2/3: Domestic Politics
6. T, 2/8: MIDTERM
TH, 2/10: IR, Ethics, and Policy Choice

ISSUES--

7. T, 2/15: Security and Conflict Chapter 4
TH, 2/17: Negotiation **Writing #4: Sources of conflict**
8. T, 2/22: International Organization Chapter 6
TH, 2/24: Economic Coordination Chapter 5
Writing #5: Forms of cooperation
9. T, 3/1: Economic Conflict Chapter 7
TH, 3/3: FILM
10. T, 3/8: Gender and IR
TH, 3/10: Global Environment Chapter 8
T, 3/15: Conclusion

FINAL EXAM: T, March 22 @ 4-6 PM

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Political Science 41A/ International Studies
Spring 1999-2000
T TH 11 AM

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Grades will be determined as follows:	Written assignments	25 (5 points each)
	Midterm	25
	Final	35
	Sections	10
	Class participation	5 %

Readings

John Rourke, International Politics on the World Stage, Dushkin McGraw-Hill, 7th Ed., 1999.

Schedule of Lectures and Readings

FOUNDATIONS^B

1. Tuesday: Introduction
Thursday: Thinking Globally Chapter 1
2. T: Historical Background Chapter 2
TH: The International System
3. T: States and Sovereignty Chapter 8

APPROACHES^B

- TH: Realism Chapter 3 **Writing assignment #1:
Influence of history**
4. T: Transnationalism Chapter 7 **Writing assignment #2:
Realism vs. idealism**
TH: Radical Challenges
5. T: Domestic Politics Chapter 4 **Writing assignment #3:
National vs. international**
TH: Political Psychology Chapter 5
6. T: MIDTERM
TH: Nationalism Chapter 6

ISSUES--

7. T: Conflict Chapter 12 **Writing assignment #4:
Nationalism**
TH: Negotiation Ch.10
8. T: International Organization Chapter 9 **Writing assignment #5:
Forms of cooperation**
TH: Economic Coordination Ch.14
9. T: Economic Conflict and Cooperation Ch.16
TH: THANKSGIVING
10. T: Global Commons Chapter 18
TH: Conclusion

FINAL EXAM: Tuesday, December 7: 10:30-12:30 AM

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Political Science 41A/ International Studies
Winter 1998-99
MWF 10 AM

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The weekly Stand assignments involve: reading the articles and accessing the Web Sites, then answering either: 1) the Frame the Debate form at the back of the book OR 2) the questions at the beginning of the readings plus Web site questions. Assignments are due in class on Monday (Wednesday if Monday is a holiday). Each assignment will involve 2-3 pages, as required to answer the questions. There are eight total written assignments.

Grades will be determined as follows:	Written assignments	25 (3 points each)
	Midterm	25
	Final	35
	Sections	10
	Class participation	5 %

Readings

Walter Clemens, DYNAMICS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, Rowman & Littlefield, 1998.

Marc Genest (ed.), STAND! WORLD POLITICS: CONTENDING IDEAS AND OPINIONS, Coursewise Publishing, 1999.

Schedule

TOPIC:

READINGS AND ASSIGNMENT:

Week 1 FOUNDATIONS

M-Introduction

Clemens, Ch.1

W-Thinking Globally

F-Building Blocks For Analysis

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Week 2-BACKGROUND

M-History: The State System

Clemens, Ch.2

W-History: The Cold War

F-Contemporary Trends

*Stand, 2=Population

Week 3-THEORY

M-MLK DAY, NO CLASS

W-Realism

Clemens, Ch.5

F-Idealism

*Stand, 8=Human Rights

Week 4-

M-Structural Approaches

Clemens, Ch.3

W-Domestic Individuals

F-Domestic-Groups

*Stand, 5=NAFTA

Week 5-

M-Domestic-National Characteristics

Clemens, Ch.10

W-Review

6-

****MIDTERM****

Week 6-THEMES

M-Nationalism

Clemens, Ch.8

W-Transnationalism

*Stand, 12=Islam

F-Conflict

Clemens, Ch.4

Week 7-

M-PRESIDENTS= DAY, NO CLASS

W-Negotiation

Clemens, Ch.9

F-Intervention

*Stand, 6=China

Week 8-

M-Alliances and Hegemony

Clemens, Ch.15

W-International Organization

F-International Law

*Stand, 9=U.N.

Week 9-

M-International Political Economy

Clemens, Ch.11

W-Development

Clemens, Ch.12

F-EMerging Markets@

*Stand, 4=Third World

Week 10-

M-Global Environment

Clemens, Ch.14

W-Human Rights

Clemens, Ch.16

F-Conclusion

FINAL EXAM: MONDAY, MARCH 15TH AT 10:30 AM.