Traditionally, the study of International Relations considers patterns of behavior between states, largely issues pertaining to or avoiding conflict and war. While war continues to be a concern of the field, issues regarding sustainability have become equally paramount. This course will consider traditional issues of state-to-state relations and the causes of war, but will also examine sustainability in terms of the environment, globalization, and development issues. The course also examines the role of state-less actors in as variables in determining international relations.

The course examines three main issues. The first is international relations theory, e.g., realism, and how this has been used and redefined. We will examine the nature of conflicts that inform our understanding of realism, including the two World Wars, the Cold War, the Gulf War, and the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

The Second is alternatives to realism, including the End of History, the Clash of Civilizations, Democratic Peace, and neo-conservatism.

The Third looks at current issues in international relations that cross state boundaries, including stateless actors and terrorism, plus sustainability, including globalization, environmental degradation, climate change, and the rise of new states, e.g. China, as a potential global power.

These issues overlap, so keep them in mind as the course progresses.

Books to Purchase

Art & Jervis is indicated in the reading assignments as A & J. Additional readings marked with an asterisk below are available on Blackboard.

**Course Requirement**

The *key* to success in this course is to have done all the required reading *prior to* each class session and to be prepared to participate in class discussions.

Your grade will be determined by the following assignments:

1. **Ten Short Answer Quizzes – 25 percent of the grade.** Dates are listed.

   *It is a wise student who keeps up with reading assignments.*

2. **A take-home midterm – 25 percent of the grade.** The exam paper (3-5 pages) should incorporate issues covered by class discussions and the assigned readings. Late papers are penalized 5% per day late.

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3. **A take-home final – 40 percent of the grade.** The exam paper (5-8 pages) should include an evaluation of various theories of international relations regarding an event in international relations (to be determined). Late papers are penalized 5% per day late.

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4. **Attendance and participation – 10% of the grade.** Some students who scored “A” on all work received a B for the course because they did not attend class regularly or did not participate in discussions. I do take attendance each class. Undocumented absence is a deduction of 5% per day absent. I also note participation. Sitting quietly and saying nothing when questions are posed is an indication you are not prepared.

   *DO NOT BE SHY!*
Course Schedule
Tentative, Subject to Change

NOTE: A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT WILL HAVE DONE THE ASSIGNED READINGS BEFORE THE DATE ON WHICH THEY ARE ASSIGNED.

August 29: Introduction

1. Scope of Course
2. The Three Concentrations

August 31 Section 1 Levels of Analysis & Anarchy

Reading for the session

1. Henry Nau: Perspectives on International Relations, Introduction

September 2 & 7 Section 2: Theories & The Struggle for Power

Reading for the sessions

1. Henry Nau: Perspectives, Chapter 1.

September 9 & 12 Section 3: Realism and Neorealism

September 9: Quiz #1 on Sections 1 & 2

Reading for the sessions


September 14 Section 4: The Constructivist Critique of Neorealism

September 16 & 19 Section 5: Balance of Power and the First World War

September 16: Quiz #2 on Sections 3 & 4

Reading for the sessions

1. Henry Nau: *Perspectives*. Chapter 3

September 21 & 23 Section 6: Democratic Peace Theory

September 23: Quiz #3 on Sections 5

Reading for the sessions


September 26 Section 7: The Second World War

Reading for the session

1. Henry Nau: *Perspectives*, Chapter 4
September 28 & 30 Section 8: The Origins of the Cold War

September 30 Quiz #4 on Sections 6 & 7

Reading for the sessions

1. Henry Nau: Perspectives, Chapter 5

October 3 & 5 Section 9: The End of the Cold War

Reading for the sessions

1. Henry Nau: Perspectives, Chapter 5

October 7 Section 10: American Primacy

October 7 Quiz #5 on Sections 8 & 9

Friday, October 7: Midterm Exam Questions Distributed.

Exam Paper Due Noon, October 14 via e-mail to pes15@case.edu.

Reading for the session

October 10 & 12 Section 11: Coercive Diplomacy

Reading for the sessions


October 14 & 17 Section 12: Terrorism & The End of Authoritarianism

Midterm Exam Due by Noon via e-mail to pes15@case.edu

No Quiz

Reading for the session

1. Henry Nau: *Perspectives*, Chapter 7

October 19 Section 13: Decision to Invade Iraq

October 21  No Class

October 24  No Class Fall Break

October 26  Section 14: The Occupation of Iraq

Reading for the session


October 28 & 31  Section 15: Afghanistan & Pakistan

October 28 Quiz #6 on Sections 13 & 14

Reading for these sessions

November 2  Section 16:  The Neoconservatives

Reading for the session


November 4 & 7  Section 17: Global Issues – Globalization

November 4  Quiz #7 on Sections 15 & 16

Reading for the sessions

2. Thomas Friedman: *The World is Flat*, Chapters 1-2

November 9 & 11  Section 18: Global Issues – North-South Relations

November 11, 2011 -- No Quiz

Readings for the sessions

November 14, 16, 18 Section 19: Global Issues – Environmental Degradation

November 18, 2011 Quiz # 8 on Sections 17 & 18

November 21, 2011 Film

Reading for the sessions

1. Henry Nau: Perspectives, Chapter 14

November 23, 24 & 25 No Class

November 28 & 30 Section 20: Global Issues: The Growth of Civil Society

1. Henry Nau: Perspectives, 15 & 16
December 2 & 5  Section 21: Neoliberal Institutions

December 2  Quiz #9 on Sections 19 & 20

Reading for the sessions


December 7 & 9  Section 22: China: The New Actor in World Politics

December 9  Review for the final

Reading for the session


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