

**Introduction to International Relations**  
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Political Science Y109  
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Class Location: CM 212  
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or by appointment

Course Description:

In today's complex and interconnected world, a knowledge of international relations may be more important than ever before. This course introduces students to enduring debates in the study of international relations and to the historical background that makes them understandable. Among the questions asked are whether conflict or cooperation most characterizes international relations, whether international organizations can be influential actors in the international system, and whether morality can play an important role in global affairs. The fundamental debates and questions of international relations are examined in the first half of the course through study of twentieth-century international history and in the second half of the course through study of the contemporary world. This course is approved for General Education credit in Area III (The Individual, Culture, and Society). It also counts toward completion of IPFW's International Studies Certificate.

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course, students who work hard will: (1) be conversant in fundamental theoretical and policy debates concerning the international political system, (2) have a basic understanding of the historical foundations of contemporary international politics, (3) appreciate the moral complexity of key issues in international affairs, (4) recognize the diversity of countries and cultures that exist in the contemporary world, and (5) be better able to make coherent and reasoned written or oral arguments.

Course Requirements:

Classes will feature both lectures and class discussions. Students should make every effort to participate in class discussions and to ask questions about things they do not understand. Students are required to take three examinations (two mid-term examinations and one final comprehensive examination) and to write one five-page paper during the semester. Examinations will be written blue-book exams. They must be taken on the scheduled dates; make-up examinations will only be permitted at the discretion of the instructor and will be granted only in unusual circumstances. Late papers will be subject to significant penalties, to be described in written paper instructions to be handed out in class. Students are encouraged to take advantage of free individual paper-writing consultations offered by the IPFW Writing Center. The center is located in Kettler G19.

Grades will be determined as follows: paper, 20 percent of the final grade; mid-term examinations, 25 percent each; final examination, 30 percent. The instructor's evaluation of class attendance, participation, and performance may influence the final grade in very close cases.

Students should not expect to do well in the class unless they attend all scheduled classes. They are also expected to complete all listed readings **before** the start of each class, since failure to do so will greatly impair their ability to understand class lectures and to participate intelligently in class discussions. Students are also expected to keep up with international current events; how they do so is up to them. Recommended sources of information include BBC World News, *The Economist* magazine, the *Financial Times*, and *The New York Times*. Links to these and other sources of international news are at my webpage (go to <http://users.ipfw.edu/toolej/intlnews.htm>).

The readings in the course come from three sources: books, library reserve, and the Internet. Most readings are from three books. All three are required for purchase and are available at the university bookstore:

- William R. Keylor, *The Twentieth-Century World: An International History* (4th ed.), Oxford, 2001.
- Karen Mingst, *Essentials of International Relations* (3rd ed.), Norton, 2004.
- Karen Mingst and Jack Snyder, eds., *Essential Readings in World Politics* (2nd ed.), Norton, 2004.

Readings from library reserve are available electronically through the Helmke Library's Reserves Express system. To access Reserves Express, visit the Library's webpage (<http://www.lib.ipfw.edu>). Readings from the Internet are available through my webpage (go to <http://users.ipfw.edu/toolej/Y109readings.htm>). Students will be held responsible for all assigned readings, whether they come from purchased books, from Reserves Express, or from the Internet. **All readings on the syllabus are required.**

*If you have or acquire a disability and would like to find out what special services and accommodations may be available to you, contact Services for Students with Disabilities in Walb Union 113. The telephone number is 481-6657 (voice/TTY).*

**Course Schedule and Required Readings:**

Date	Topic	Readings
8/23	Course Overview	None
8/25	Thinking Theoretically	Mingst, pp. 1-15 and 55-82
8/27	Realism and Neorealism	Mingst and Snyder, pp. 49-72
8/30	Liberalism and Neoliberalism	Mingst and Snyder, pp. 73-86 and 120-124
9/1	Radicalism	Mingst and Snyder, pp. 130-138 and 86-93
9/3	Constructivism	Mingst and Snyder, pp. 102-118
9/8	Levels of Analysis	Mingst, pp. 83-108
9/10	The Concert of Europe and Balance of Power	Mingst, pp. 25-34; Henry Kissinger, <i>Diplomacy</i> , pp. 78-102 (RESERVE)
9/13	A New Century	Keylor, pp. 3-39
9/15	Origins of World War I	Keylor, pp. 43-71
9/17	Wilsonianism and Collective Security	Mingst, pp. 35-38; Keylor, pp. 72-91; Mingst and Snyder, pp. 26-28
9/20	Origins of World War II	Keylor, pp. 137-175
9/22	Origins of the Cold War	Mingst, pp. 38-43; Keylor, pp. 251-275; Mingst and Snyder, pp. 28-33
9/24	<b>FIRST MID-TERM EXAM</b>	None
9/27	The Cold War: Crises	Mingst, pp. 43-48; Keylor, pp. 353-360 and 365-381

9/29	The Cold War: Conflict and Stability	Mingst, pp. 48-49; Mingst and Snyder, pp. 33-47
10/1	The End of the Cold War	Mingst, pp. 49-53; Keylor, pp. 451-467
10/4	International Organizations	Mingst, pp. 159-195
10/6	How Important Are International Organizations?	Mingst and Snyder, pp. 283-294
10/8	The European Union (1)	European Union, "Europe in 12 Lessons", Lessons 1-6 (INTERNET).
10/13	The European Union (2)	European Union, "Europe in 12 Lessons", Lessons 7-12 (INTERNET)
10/15	NATO	Strobe Talbott, "From Prague to Baghdad: NATO at Risk" (RESERVE)
10/18	International Political Economy	Mingst, pp. 233-272
10/20	Wealth and Poverty	Mingst and Snyder, pp. 421-437
10/22	Explaining Underdevelopment	John Isbister, <i>Promises Not Kept</i> , pp. 32-66 (RESERVE)
10/25	Globalization	Mingst and Snyder, pp. 462-476
10/27	The Decline of State Sovereignty?	Mingst and Snyder, pp. 143-156
10/29	<b>SECOND MID-TERM EXAM</b>	None
11/1	International Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs)	Mingst and Snyder, pp. 222-233. Also, visit and read the website of an international NGO of your choosing. Select an NGO by using the UN's Directory of International NGOs (INTERNET).
11/3	Human Rights	Mingst, pp. 296-307; Mingst and Snyder, pp. 477-480; Universal Declaration of Human Rights (INTERNET)
11/5	International Environmental Politics	Thomas Homer-Dixon, "On the Threshold", pp. 99-104 only (RESERVE); Robert Repetto and Jonathan Lash, "Planetary Roulette" (RESERVE)
11/8	International Security	Mingst, pp. 198-231
11/10	Nuclear Proliferation	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, "The International Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime" (INTERNET); Mingst and Snyder, pp. 322-341
11/12	<b>NO CLASS</b>	None
11/15	Terrorism	Mingst and Snyder, pp. 367-401
11/17	International Intervention	Michael J. Glennon, "The New Interventionism" (RESERVE)
11/19	An American Empire?	Eliot Cohen, "History and the Hyperpower" (RESERVE)

11/22	Unilateralism and Multilateralism in US Foreign Policy	Mingst and Snyder, pp. 262-282
11/29	Transatlantic Relations	Charles A. Kupchan, "The End of the West" (RESERVE); Andrew Moravcsik, "Striking a New Transatlantic Bargain" (RESERVE)
12/1	China	George Gilboy and Eric Heginbotham, "China's Coming Transformation" (RESERVE)
12/3	Russia	Robert Legvold, "Russia's Unformed Foreign Policy" (RESERVE)
12/6	A Clash of Civilizations?	Mingst and Snyder, pp. 163-173
Friday December 3: <b>Paper due</b> in class		
December 8 and 10: Reserved for any required make-up classes		
Monday December 13 (8:00-10:00 AM): <b>Final Exam</b>		