

## INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

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Course Objectives: This course introduces students to global politics in a systemic fashion. It is designed to provide students with the analytical skills to develop a conceptual understanding of international politics. The course does not use a "current events" approach to world politics; rather it applies the major concepts used in the study of international relations and then applies those concepts by analyzing current international issues.

Course Description: The course is divided into five sections. Part I introduces the main approaches and conceptual frameworks used in international politics. Part II examines the dominant political orientations in the study of world politics. Part III discusses the political structures in the world political system. Part IV focuses on the concept of power which is central to an understanding of world politics. Part V considers the politics of economic competition and cooperation in the world. Finally, in Part VI we examine the politics of human rights and the environment.

Requirements: This is a lecture and discussion course, the success of which depends heavily on your preparation for each class meeting and your enthusiasm you bring to class discussion. I will be asking you questions during each class and will give quizzes to make sure you are you have kept up with current events in world politics. Students will be held responsible for all required readings listed on the syllabus. You will be evaluated based on two mid-term exams, a final exam, and four quizzes. There will be a study session prior to each exam. Active class participation can only improve your final grade. Also, attendance will affect your class participation and excessive absences will result in a lower grade. An excused absence means you have a medical excuse or documented emergency.

Grades: A student must complete all exams in order to receive a passing grade. No make-up tests, deadline extensions, or incompletes will be given except in cases of documented illness or sudden personal emergency. The dates of the exams and their value in terms of the course grade break down as follows:

First Mid-term exam	20%	Sept. 25
Second Mid-term exam	20%	Nov. 1
4 Quizzes @ 5% each	20%	Sept. 15, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 1
Final Exam	35%	Dec. 15
Class participation	5%	

Course Readings: The following books are available for purchase in the Bookstore and on reserve in the library.

Jackson, Robert. 2006. Annual Editions: Global Issues 06/07, 22<sup>nd</sup> edition. McGraw-Hill.

New York Times.

Rourke, John T. 2006. International Politics on the World Stage, 11th edition. McGraw-Hill (listed as Stage).

Rourke, John T. 2006. Taking Sides, 12<sup>th</sup> edition. McGraw-Hill (listed as TS).

In addition, a few articles will be placed on electronic reserve. They can be viewed, printed, or downloaded from the Marriott Library website. They are indicated with an (R) in the syllabus.

Student Academic Conduct: The University of Utah's policies pertaining to Academic Misconduct and Dishonesty will be carefully observed and strictly enforced in this class. This policy can be found at <http://www.admin.utah.edu/ppmanual/8/8-10.html>. Students will be held responsible for all academic policies and procedures listed in the Student Handbook, including plagiarism. Any instance of plagiarism, or other forms of misconduct, will result in a failing grade for that assignment and may also result in a failing grade for the course. The University's definition of plagiarism is as follows:

Plagiarism means the intentional unacknowledged use or incorporation of any other person's work in, or as a basis for, one's own work offered for academic consideration or credit or for public presentation. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, representing as one's own, without attribution, any other individual's words, phrasing, ideas, sequence of ideas, information, or any other mode or content of expression.

ADA Statement: Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations to meet the expectations of this course are encouraged to bring this to the attention of the instructors as soon as possible. Written documentation of the disability should be submitted during the first week of the quarter along with the request for special accommodations. To do so, contact the Center for Disabled Student Service, 160 Union, 581-5020.

## **STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE AND READING ASSIGNMENT**

August 23                      Course Introduction

### Part I. Approaches to World Politics

August 25                      The Study of World Politics  
   Rourke (Stage): Ch. 1

August 28                      Issues in World Politics  
   Jackson: Chs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

- August 30                   Theories of World Politics  
                                   Morgenthau: “A Realist Theory of International Politics” ®  
                                   Doyle: “Liberalism and World Politics” ®  
                                   Frank: “The Development of Underdevelopment” ®
- Sept. 1                      Evolution of World Politics  
                                   Rourke (Stage): Ch. 2
- Sept. 5                      NO CLASS
- Sept. 6, 8, 11            Levels of Analysis  
                                   Rourke (Stage): Ch. 3  
                                   Waltz: “International Conflict and Human Behavior” ®  
                                   Singer: “The Level-of-Analysis Problem in International Relations” ®

Part II. Political Orientations

- Sept. 13                   Nationalism  
                                   Rourke (Stage): Ch. 4
- Sept. 15                   Globalization  
                                   Rourke (Stage): Ch. 5
- QUIZ #1**
- Sept. 18                   Understanding Globalization  
                                   Jackson: Chs. 13, 14, 15, 16
- Sept. 20                   Debate on Globalization  
                                   Rourke (TS): Issue 1 and Issue 2
- Sept. 22                   Study Session
- Sept. 25                   **First Mid-Term Exam**

Part III. Political Structures

- Sept. 27                   National States  
                                   Rourke (Stage): Ch. 6  
                                   Rourke (TS): Issue 3
- Sept. 29                   International Organizations  
                                   Rourke (Stage): Ch. 7  
                                   Jackson: Chs. 33, 34
- Oct. 2                      United Nations

Rourke (TS): Issue 17  
Jackson: Ch. 32

Part IV. Power

- Oct. 4/9            National Power  
                         Rourke (Stage): Ch. 8
- Oct. 6                NO CLASS
- Oct. 11              Regional Cases of US Foreign Policy  
                         Jackson: Chs. 29, 30  
                         Rourke (TS): Issues 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

**QUIZ #2**

- Oct. 13              Is the War in Iraq Justified?  
                         Rourke (TS): Issue 10
- Oct. 16/18          International Law  
                         Rourke (Stage): Ch. 9  
                         Rourke (TS): Issue 18
- Oct. 20              Military Struggle for Power  
                         Rourke (Stage): Ch. 10
- Oct. 23              Military Intervention  
                         Rourke (TS): Issue 14, 15, 16
- Oct. 25              Deterrence in the Future  
                         Jackson: Chs. 28  
                         Jackson: Chs. 26, 27, 37 ®
- Oct. 27              International Security  
                         Rourke (Stage): Ch. 11  
                         Jackson: Ch. 42
- Oct. 30              Study Session
- Nov. 1                **Second Mid-Term Exam**

Part V. World Economic Competition and Cooperation

- Nov. 3/6            International Monetary and Trade Relations  
                         Rourke (State): Ch. 12
- Nov. 8                Theories of Economic Development

Rourke (TS): Issue 12  
Jackson: Chs. 20, 21, 22, 23, 39  
**QUIZ #3**

- Nov. 10                   What is the Third World?  
Rourke (TS): Issue 13  
Jackson: Chs. 7, 19
- Nov. 13                   US, Japan, and Europe  
Rourke (Stage): Ch. 13
- Nov. 15                   East Asian Economic Development
- Nov. 17                   NO CLASS
- Nov. 20                   Regional Economic Blocs  
Jackson: Ch. 17

Party VI. Peace and Sustainable Development

- Nov. 22                   Human Rights  
Rourke (Stage): Ch. 14  
Rourke (TS): 19  
Jackson: Ch. 37, 38
- Nov. 24                   THANKSGIVING
- Nov. 27                   Environmental Rights  
Rourke (Stage): Ch. 15  
Rourke (TS): 20  
Jackson: Chs. 10, 12  
Jackson: Ch. 43 ®
- Nov. 29                   TBA
- Dec. 1                    TBA
- QUIZ #4**
- Dec. 4                   Future of World Politics  
Huntington: The Clash of Civilizations? ®  
Said: “The Clash of Ignorance” ®
- Dec. 6                   Study Session
- Dec. 15                   **Final Exam; 8:00-10:00 am**