

Political Science 2100-090
Introduction to International Relations (on-line)

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On-Line Class
<http://www.mypoliscikit.com>
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(6/19/08 to 7/30/08)

Course Description, Goals, and Method:

International Relations is the study of interaction between nation-states. This course will give you a good introduction to the study of international relations, including the prevailing theories of “realism” and “liberalism”. What explains why countries go to war, make peace, or engage in trade with one another? This course answers these questions through an in-depth examination of topics such as power politics, foreign policy, war, international law and organizations, trade and finance, international integration, the environment, and global poverty and development. An on-line lab, called MyPoliSciKit, is used to test students’ knowledge of each textbook chapter. Additionally, MyPoliSciKit contains interactive activities such as podcasts and films, which the students will respond to through two short essays that are e-mailed to the professor.

Textbook:

Goldstein and Pevehouse, *International Relations* 8th Edition, packaged with MyPoliSciKit (REQUIRED!). The edition on sale at the bookstore comes with an access code to get into MyPoliSciKit. If you do not buy the book at the bookstore, you will need to buy access to MyPoliSciKit at their website, <http://www.mypoliscikit.com>. It is your responsibility to make sure that you get access to MyPoliSciKit. Technical problems will not be accepted as an excuse for not completing class assignments.

(NOTE: there is also a “Brief Edition” of this textbook on sale on the Internet – do NOT buy this edition – it will not help you with the on-line activities because the chapters do not match. Also, do not sign up for the “Brief Edition” on-line. Make sure that you sign up for the EIGHTH EDITION of the textbook).

MyPoliSciKit: This is an online website that goes with the textbook. As mentioned above, you will either need to buy the textbook edition at the bookstore that comes packaged with an access code to MyPoliSciKit, or else buy yourself a code. Once you have the code, I will give you instructions on how to “join the class” online, using the unique class ID number for our course. The sign-up process has two steps. First you register for MyPoliSciKit, then you join the class. Make sure you sign up using the correct edition (8th) of our textbook. Each activity will need to be finished by the due dates listed in the schedule below. No late assignments will be accepted. Computer problems will not be accepted as an excuse for not completing these exercises on time.

Grading Criteria:**Mapping Exercises: 5%****Multiple Choice Tests: 15%****True/False Tests: 15%****Essay Tests: 20%****Simulations: 25%****Response Paper on one Podcast of the student's choice: 10%****Response Paper on one Video of the student's choice: 10%**

Each of the above two Response Papers will be e-mailed to the Professor by the last day of class (July 30). Computer Problems will NOT be accepted as an excuse for not e-mailing this assignment on time, so I suggest that you e-mail the two papers well ahead of the deadline. Each paper should be approximately 3 pages in length, with 1.5 spacing, and should analyze the Podcast/Video from your own point of view, using the knowledge and the theories that you have learned in this class.

The University of Utah, Department of Political Science seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need accommodations in this class, reasonable prior notice needs to be given to the instructor and to the Center for Disability Services, <http://disability.utah.edu/> 162 Olpin Union Bldg, 581-5020 (V/TDD) to make arrangements for accommodations. This information is available in alternative format with prior notification.

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 appears on pages 11-13 of the 2000-2002 General Catalog and in the electronic Policy and Procedures Manual at <http://www.admin.utah.edu/ppmanual/8/8-10.html>

Any instance of plagiarism, or other forms of academic 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.

Class Schedule

Monday, June 23rd

Mapping Exercises due

Wednesday, June 25th

Chapter One activities (multiple choice test, true/false test, essay test, simulation) due.

Friday, June 27th

Chapter Two activities due.

Monday, June 30th

Chapter Three activities due.

Wednesday, July 2nd

Chapter Four activities due.

Wednesday, July 9th

Chapter Five activities due.

Friday, July 11th

Chapter Six activities due.

Monday, July 14th

Chapter Seven activities due.

Wednesday, July 16th

Chapter Eight activities due.

Friday, July 18th

Chapter Nine activities due.

Monday, July 21st

Chapter Ten activities due.

Wednesday, July 23rd

Chapter Eleven activities due.

Friday, July 25th

Chapter Twelve activities due.

Monday, July 28th

Chapter Thirteen activities due.

Wednesday, July 30th

Response Papers due (e-mailed to me). One on a Podcast from a chapter of your choice. One on a Video from a chapter of your choice.