

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

## Global Studies 262 Winter 2008-09



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What determines how countries and other actors behave in international politics? How do we achieve security in an insecure world? Can we keep the engine of the global economy humming well into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? This course explores these issues through an examination of the basic concepts and theories of international relations, focusing on the relative influence of power, institutions, and ideas in shaping world politics. Although we will discuss what is going on around the world, this is not just a current events course. After completing this course you should be armed with the conceptual and theoretical tools necessary to help you understand and analyze world events in both the present and the future.

**TEXTS:** The main text for the course is **Henry Nau's *Perspectives on International Relations, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition***. We will also be using **Congressional Quarterly's *Global Issues 2009 Edition*** as background material for our Friday discussions and your paper assignments (see below). Finally, you are expected to keep abreast of current international events by reading the newspaper or watching the news **EVERY DAY**. See my homepage for assorted news links.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:** Your grade in the course will be based on the following:

**A. Examinations:** You will be given three examinations worth 100 points each; 300 points total. These will be given on **Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**. The exams will consist of both objective and analytical questions drawn from all parts of the course (readings, lectures, videos, etc.).

**B. Policy Papers.** You will write two policy papers worth 50 points each; 100 points total. Each Friday's discussion will be based on a topic from the CQ *Global Issues* book. There will also be an accompanying paper assignment on that topic. You may write your papers on any of the listed topics, but you must do two before the end of the term. You will also have the option to revise and resubmit your papers for a (potentially) higher grade. (See separate paper assignment for details.) Everyone must turn in at least one paper by **Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>** (day before Christmas Break) and all papers and revisions are due no later than **Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** (start of 10<sup>th</sup> week). Please note that papers turned in during Weeks 8 and 9 are NOT eligible for revision.

**COURSE POLICIES:** The following policies apply unless otherwise stated.

**Grading:** Your final grade will be based on a cumulative percentage of points on the various assignments (weighted as outlined above). These will be translated into letter grades as follows:

360-400 = A	320-349 = B	280-309 = C	240-269 = D
350-359 = B+	310-319 = C+	270-279 = D+	239 or less = F

**Attendance and Participation:** Regular attendance and active participation in class discussion is expected. In order to do this effectively, you need to keep up with the reading and stay informed about current events. You are also responsible for all material presented in class and much of the exams will be based on material that will only be presented in lecture. *If you desire a good grade in the course, come to class, pay attention, and take notes!*

**Academic Misconduct:** All cases of academic misconduct, including plagiarism (taking another's words or ideas and presenting them as your own) or cheating (making use of assistance on an assignment beyond that authorized by the professor) will be punished appropriately. Penalties for academic misconduct are at the discretion of the professor and can range from the loss of all credit on an assignment to a formal hearing before the Institute's Rules and Discipline Committee. It is incumbent upon you to know what constitutes academic misconduct and make sure to avoid it. If you are in any way unsure about what constitutes a violation, please ask me. ***Claiming ignorance after the fact is not a valid excuse. Think rationally; the risks outweigh the gains.***

**Late Assignments:** Extensions for exams or assignments will only be given if you have a ***legitimate excuse and you contact me in advance. All late assignments will receive a letter grade reduction for each day (including weekend days) that they are late.*** You can reach me via e-mail, voicemail, or by dropping a note in either my campus or HSS mailbox. Short of being in a coma, you should be able to reach me if there is a problem. I am very accommodating to those who alert me to a problem in advance; I will be far less friendly if you approach me after the fact.

**Ideological Perspectives:** I have no intention of trying to indoctrinate you with my beliefs. The issues we will be exploring are often contentious and there are often not right or wrong answers per se. That being said, *there are good and bad arguments.* You may hold any opinion you wish, but ***your arguments must be logically sound and supported by the available evidence.***

More importantly, I can only facilitate the learning process; I cannot force knowledge into your heads. You are all adults fully capable of being responsible students and active learners. That means that *if you do not understand something you need to take the initiative to find out the answer* -- raise your hand, talk to me after class, come to my office. I cannot read minds, so it is up to you to try to seek clarity when it is lacking!

## **KEY DATES FOR THE COURSE:**

Friday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Exam #1 <u>AND</u> First Paper Due
December 19 <sup>th</sup> – January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Break
Friday, January 30 <sup>th</sup>	Exam #2
Monday, February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Second Paper <u>AND</u> All Paper Revisions Due
Friday, February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Exam #3

## Topics and Readings

All reading should be done **PRIOR** to the lecture or exercise on the topic. Note that all dates are tentative and may need to be adjusted later in the quarter.

### PART I: The Fundamentals of International Relations (Weeks 1-3)

Week	Topics	Readings
<b>December 1-5</b>	What is International Relations (IR)?	Nau, Introduction
	The International State System	Nau, pp. 84-104 and 510-513
	IGOs and NGO's	Nau, Chapter 16
	<b>Friday Discussion: US Policy on Iran</b>	<b><i>Global Issues</i>, Chapter 3</b>
<b>December 8-12</b>	Levels of Analysis	Nau, pp. 56-62
	The Realist Perspective	Nau, pp. 20-34
	<b>Friday Discussion: Human Rights in China</b>	<b><i>Global Issues</i>, Chapter 8</b>
<b>December 15-19</b>	The Liberal Perspective	Nau, pp. 34-44
	The Identity Perspective	Nau, pp. 44-53
	<b>FRIDAY: Exam #1</b>	

*Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> -- Exam #1 AND First Paper Due  
December 20-January 4 – Christmas Break*

### PART II: International Conflict and War (Weeks 4-7)

Week	Topics	Readings
<b>January 5-9</b>	The Causes of Conflicts: World War I	Nau, Chapter 3
	<i>The War of the World</i> video, Part I: "The Clash of Empires"	
	The Causes of Conflicts: World War II	Nau, Chapter 4
	<b>Friday Discussion: Cost of the Iraq War</b>	<b><i>Global Issues</i>, Chapter 1</b>
<b>January 12-16</b>	<i>The War of the World</i> video, Part II: "The Tainted Victory"	

	The Causes of Conflicts: The Cold War	Nau, Chapter 5
	<i>The War of the World</i> video, Part III: “The Icebox”	
	<b>Friday Discussion: Afghanistan on the Brink</b>	<b><i>Global Issues</i>, Chapter 4</b>
<b>January 19-23</b>	The Post-Cold War Interregnum	Nau, Chapter 6
	The World after 9/11	Nau, Chapter 7
	<b>FRIDAY: Exam #2</b>	

***Exam #2 – Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>***

**PART III: Globalization and the World Economy (Weeks 8-9)**

Week	Topics	Readings
<b>February 2-6</b>	The Origins of Globalization	Nau, Chapter 8
	Globalization in Theory and Practice	Nau, Chapter 9-10
	<b>Friday Discussion: The New Europe</b>	<b><i>Global Issues</i>, Chapter 15</b>
<b>February 9-13</b>	Economic Development: Asia and Latin America	Nau, Chapter 11
	Economic Development: Africa and the Middle East	Nau, Chapter 12
	<b>Friday Discussion: Dealing with the “New” Russia</b>	<b><i>Global Issues</i>, Chapter 12</b>

**PART IV: Global Forces for Change (Week 10)**

Week	Topics	Readings
<b>February 16-20</b>	The World Environment	Nau, Chapter 14
	Global Civil Society	Nau, Chapter 15
	Conclusion: Peace through Democracy?	Nau, Conclusion
	<b>FRIDAY: Exam #3</b>	

***Exam #3 – Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>***