**INTA 1110A**

**Introduction to International Relations**

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**Course Information**

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**Course Description**

This course provides an introduction to the study of International Relations. It will cover several theoretical approaches and empirical issues in the field of International Relations. The course is divided into six parts: (I) Fundamentals; (II) Theories (Realism, Liberalism, and Constructivism); (III) International History (The World Wars and Cold War); (IV) International Security (Nuclear Weapons, Terrorism, and Civil Wars); (V) International Political Economy; (VI) Contemporary Issues (Networks, New Threats, Human Rights, and the Environment). The course will conclude by looking at the future of International Relations.

**Course Requirements**

Students are expected to attend lectures and have the completed the assigned readings prior to class. I also encourage students to read stories in the international section of the *New York Times* or the *Washington Post*

***Required Reading***

The following book is available for purchase from Engineer’s Bookstore.

* John Baylis, Steve Smith, and Patricia Owens, “*The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations, sixth edition,*” Oxford University Press, 2014 (BSO).

***Grading***

*Reading Quizzes*: There will be five reading quizzes throughout the semester. The quizzes will test students’ knowledge on the reading assigned for that session. These quizzes will account for 5% of the final grade.

*Mid Terms*: There will be two mid terms. The exams will test students’ knowledge and understanding of both the lectures and the readings. The first mid-term will be based on material from August 18 – September 19. The second midterm will be based on material from September 24 – October 29. Each midterm will account for 25% of the final grade

*Final Exam*: The final exam will be based on all of the material in the course and will account for 30% of the final grade.

*Current Event Analysis:* Students will write a paper using concepts from the course to analyze a current international event. The paper should be no more than 3 pages, double-spaced, 12-point font, with one-inch margins. This paper will be due in class on November 10. Late papers will be penalized one full letter grade for each day they are late. The paper will account for 15% of the grade.

**Course Procedures**

*Office Hours:* The teaching assistants and professor will hold office hours each week. As there are no discussions sections for this course, office hours can be very helpful for students who wish to discuss the readings, lectures, or anything course related. If the assigned office do not accommodate your schedule, please email either the professor or teaching assistants to set up an additional time.

*Grade Disputes:*  Any student may request a grade reevaluation by the professor. The student must accept the revised grade, which may be lower, higher, or the same as the original grade.

*Cheating and Plagiarism:* Cheating and plagiarism is a serious offense and is a direct violation of the Georgia Tech Academic Honor Code. Plagiarizing is defined by Webster’s as “to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own: use (another's production) without crediting the source.” If caught plagiarizing, you will be dealt with according to the GT Academic Honor Code. For any questions involving these or any other Academic Honor Code issues, please consult the professor, teaching assistants, or [www.honor.gatech.edu](http://www.honor.gatech.edu).

**Learning Outcomes:**

Student will demonstrate the ability to describe the social, political, and economic forces that influence social behavior.

Student will demonstrate the ability to describe the social, political, and economic forces that influence the global system

Students will be able to use their knowledge of international affairs in a practical way to address issues of immediate international concern.

Students will be able to understand current political events through an analytical lens of major theories of international relations.

Students will be able to express their arguments clearly and effectively in written reports.

**\*\*\*Note: Syllabus subject to change\*\*\*\***

**Week 1: Fundamentals**

August 18: Introduction

August 20: What is International Relations?

* Nye and Welch, *Understanding Global Conflict and Cooperation: An Introduction to Theory and History*, pages 38-52. T-square

August 22 : Anarchy, Power, and Morality

* Thucydides, “The Melian Dialogue.” T-square
* Art and Jervis, “Anarchy and Its Consequences.” pages 1-7. T-square
* Nye and Welch, “Is There an Enduring Logic of Conflict in World Politics?” pages 25-33. T-square

**Week 2: Theories**

August 25 & 27: Levels of Analysis and Three Traditions

* Stephen M. Walt, “International Relations: One World, Many Theories,” *Foreign Policy* no. 110 (1998): 29-46. T-square.
* Nye and Welch, pages 52-62. T-square
* BSO, “Theories of World Politics,” pages 3-7

August 29: No class – Conference

**Week 3: Theories**

September 1: Labor Day – no class

September 3: Realism I

* BSO, “Realism,” Chapter 6.
* BSO, pages 127-131

September 5: Realism II

* Jervis, “Offense, Defense, and the Security Dilemma,” pages 186-208 and 211-214. T-square

**Week 4: Theories**

September 8: Realism III

* Mearsheimer, “Anarchy and the Struggle for Power,” T-square.

September 10: Liberalism I (Liberal Institutionalism)

* Keohane, “International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?” Foreign Policy. T-square
* BSO, “International Regimes,” Chapter 19.

September 12: Liberalism II (Democratic Peace Theory)

* BSO, “Liberalism,” Chapter 7

**Week 5: Theories**

September 15: Realist-Liberal debate

* Sebastian Rosato “The Flawed Logic of Democratic Peace Theory,” *American Political Science Review,* vol. 97, no. 4, November 2003, pp. 585-587.
* BSO, pages 132-139

September 17: Constructivism

* BSO, “Social Constructivism,” Chapter 10

September 19: Constructivism

* Wendt, “Anarchy is What States Make of it.” T-square

**Week 6: International History**

September 22: **MIDTERM 1**

September 24: World War 1

* Henry R. Nau, “World War I,” pages 103-128. T-square

September 26: Rosh Hashanah – no class

**Week 7: International History**

September 29: World War 1 and 2

* Henry R. Nau, “World War II,” pages 129-159. T-square

October 1: World War 2 and Cold War

* George F. Kennan, “The Long Telegram,” February 22, 1946. T-square
* John Lewis Gaddis, “The Long Peace: Elements of Stability in the Postwar International System,” *International Security*, Vol. 10, No. 4 (Spring 1986), pp. 99-142. T-square

October 3: Cold War

**Week 8: International Security**

October 6: Dr Strangelove

October 8: Dr Strangelove

October 10: Deterrence

* Art, “The Four Functions of Force,” bottom of page 4 – 14. T-square
* Thomas Schelling, *Arms and Influence,* pages 1-34. T-square

**Week 9: International Security**

October 13: Fall Recess – no class

October 15: Weapons of Mass Destruction

* BSO, “Nuclear Proliferation,” Chapter 24

October 17: Terrorism

* BSO, “Terrorism and Globalization,” Chapter 23

**Week 10: International Security**

October 20: Terrorism

* Audrey Kurth Cronin, “How Terrorism Ends: The Decline and Demise of Terrorist Groups,” pages

October 22: Iraq War

* James Fallows, “Blind Into Baghdad,” *The Atlantic Monthly,* vol 239, no. 1 (Jan/Feb 2004), 52-74.
* Kenneth M. Pollack, “Next Stop Baghdad,” *Foreign Affairs,* Vol. 81, No. 2 (March/April 2002), 32-47

October 24: Ethnic Conflict and Civil War

* Chaim D. Kaufmann, “Possible and Impossible Solutions to Ethnic Civil Wars,” *T-square*

**Week 11: International Security**

October 27: Humanitarian Intervention

* BSO, “Humanitarian Intervention in World Politics,” Chapter 31.

October 29: Movie: Ghosts of Rwanda

* Samantha Power, “Bystanders to Genocide: Why the United States Let the Rwandan Tragedy Happen,” *The Atlantic Monthly* 288, no. 2 (2001): 84-108.

October 31: **MIDTERM 2**

**Week 12: International Economy**

November 3: IPE

* BSO, “International Political Economy in an Age of Globalization,” Chapter 16

November 5: International Trade and Finance

* BSO, “Global Trade and Global Finance,” Chapter 27

November 7: Globalization

* BSO, “Globalization and Global Politics,” Chapter 1

**Week 13: Networks**

November 10: Guest Lecture – Dr. Sy Goodman

November 12: Globalization

* BSO, “Globalization and the Post-Cold War Order,” Chapter 33

November 14: Transnational Actors

* BSO, “Transnational Actors and International Organizations in Global Politics,” Chapter 21
* Keck and Sikkink, “Transnational Activist Actors,” t-square

**Week 14: Human Rights and International Law**

November 17: Social Network Analysis

* David Knoke and Song Yang, Social Network Analysis. Chapters 1 and 2 (1-15)

November 19: International Law

* BSO, “International Law,” Chapter 18.

November 21: The United Nations

* BSO, “The United Nations,” Chapter 20

**Week 15 - Non Traditional Security Threats**

November 24: Human rights

* BSO, “Human Rights,” Chapter 30

November 26: Environment

* BSO, “Environmental Issues,” Chapter 22.

November 28: Thanksgiving - No class

**Week 16: Future of International Politics**

December 1: Gender

* BSO, “Gender in World Politics,” Chapter 17

December 3: Future of International Politics

* TBA

December 5: Review for Final