

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS (GOVT 5)



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Section 2 MWF 11:15-12:20 (X-hr Tu 12-12:50)

Section 3 MWF 12:30-1:20 (X-hr Tu 1-1:50)

Office Hours: Tuesdays, 12-2pm

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Course Description and Objectives: This course is an introduction to major theories and issues in international politics. The course is divided into four parts: 1) Concepts and Theories; 2) War and Security; 3) The Global Economy; and 4) Emerging Issues. The goals of the course are to introduce students to the broad contours of the field of international relations; to help students develop the analytical skills necessary for thinking critically about international politics; and to teach students how to write clear and convincing written arguments. Students are also encouraged to use this class as a way of improving their oral communication skills.

Requirements: This class will use the assigned X-hour period for office hours, special discussion sections, and any make-up classes that arise. If you have a schedule conflict with the X-hour, you should not take this class.

Attendance in class is mandatory. In order to encourage attendance and the timely completion of the reading assignments, an unspecified number of short pop quizzes based on the readings will be given at the start of class. There will be NO make-up quizzes. I will drop your lowest quiz score, so if you were sick one day and missed a quiz, that will be the one dropped.

Your grade will be based on four components: (1) reading quizzes (5%); a first exam given on Friday, **October 24** (30%); a second exam given on Friday, **November 21** (30%); and a take-home final paper due on Monday, **December 8** (35%). The final paper question will be emailed to you on December 2.

Regular and active participation in the class and discussion sessions is encouraged. Class participation will be used to help me decide whether or not to “bump up” your grade if you are on the edge of two grades. Students are particularly encouraged to participate in the class debate.

Policies: This is a large course. If you have administrative questions (for example: Why can't I find the reading assignment? or When is the final paper due?) please review the syllabus carefully or ask a fellow student before emailing me. If you cannot find an answer from the syllabus or from a classmate, then you are welcome to contact me.

Office hours are Tuesdays, 12-2pm. To reduce student waiting time, please sign up in advance for an appointment on the signup sheet outside my door (203 Silsby). I will hold extended office hours before and after exams.

If you have a scheduled event that conflicts with an exam, you should not take this class; no make-ups will be given. Asking for extensions is unprofessional and does not reflect well on you.

If you have a sudden illness before an exam, no makeup will be given unless you contact your class Dean, and ask him/her to contact me to confirm that you have a legitimate excuse for missing the exam. The Dean will contact your doctor and should confirm to me 1) that you were seen about your illness, and 2) that your medical situation was serious enough that you were unable to take an exam or meet a paper deadline. I do not need any specific information about your condition; this is your private concern. In the absence of prior arrangements or a Dean's note, assignments turned in late will be marked down one letter grade for each day that they are late.

If you have a registered disability and require accommodations, please get me the necessary paperwork within the first two weeks of the term, and we will make arrangements for exams and papers. No accommodations will be made otherwise.

All students are responsible for understanding Dartmouth's academic integrity rules. These rules and principles can be reviewed at:
<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~reg/regulations/undergrad/acad-honor.html>
and <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~sources/>. *Ignorance of these principles is not an excuse if a violation occurs.*

Readings: Readings are drawn from books, academic journals, and the popular press. All readings not located in required books are posted on Blackboard, on the course web site at: <http://blackboard.dartmouth.edu>. Please contact Blackboard help, or ask another student, for any technical questions about its use.

You should purchase the following books (available at Wheelock Books or online booksellers). The books are also on reserve at Baker Library.

Scott Sagan and Kenneth Waltz, The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: A Debate Renewed, 2nd edition, 2002.

John J. Mearsheimer, The Tragedy of Great Power Politics (New York: Norton, 2001).

Doug Irwin, Free Trade Under Fire, 2nd ed, (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 2005).

Also, an international politics textbook is on reserve at Baker/Berry: it will be useful to students who want to read up on basic concepts: John Baylis and Steve Smith, The Globalization of World Politics (Oxford, 2001).

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Course Schedule and Reading List

SECTION I: CONCEPTS AND THEORIES

Wed 9/24 Course Overview

Fri 9/26 Foundations

John Mearsheimer, "Introduction," in The Tragedy of Great Power Politics. (BOOK) (28pp)
Jack Snyder, "One World, Rival Theories," Foreign Policy (10 pp).

Mon 9/29 The Structure of International Politics: the Pessimists

Mearsheimer, "Anarchy and the Struggle for Power," in Tragedy of Great Power Politics. (BOOK) (25pp)
Thucydides, "The Melian Dialogue," in The History of the Peloponnesian War (4 pp).

Wed 10/1 Cooperation Under Anarchy: the Optimists

Goldstein, "Neoliberalism" and "Collective Goods" (Posted on BB as one reading.)
Kenneth Oye, "The Conditions for Cooperation in World Politics," (13 pp).
Robert Keohane, "International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?" Foreign Policy (14 pp.)

Fri 10/3 The Power of Ideas: Should We Blame Anarchy or Ourselves?

Goldstein, "Constructivism."
Michael Luo, "Excuse me, may I have your seat?" New York Times.
Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy is What States Make of It" (8 pp).
Margaret Mead, "Warfare is Only an Invention, Not a Biological Necessity" (4 pp).

Mon 10/6 How to Write a Paper

SECTION II: WAR AND SECURITY

Wed 10/8 Systemic and Biological Causes of War

Mearsheimer, "The Causes of Great Power War," Chapter 9 of BOOK (25 pp)
Robert Jervis, "Offense, Defense, and the Security Dilemma" (17 pp)
Chris Wright, "What Chimps Can Tell Us About War with Iraq," Providence Phoenix, July 16, 2003.

Fri 10/10 Liberalism, War, and Peace

Bruce Russett, "Peace Among Democracies," Scientific American (1 pg)
Christopher Layne, "Kant or Cant: The Myth of the Democratic Peace," International Security (1994). **Read p. 5-15; skim pp. 16-38; read p. 38 to end.**
Edward Mansfield and Jack Snyder, "The Perilous Path to the Democratic Peace," from Electing to Fight, Chapter 1 (10 pg)

Mon 10/13 Security Challenges for the Incoming Administration
Guest Speaker: General (Ret.) John Abizaid
former Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command

Special session: 11:15-12:20pm only. All students (both 11 and 12 sections) should attend.
Location: TBA

Reading:
Colin Kahl, "Bridge on the River Euphrates," *National Interest*, no. 97 (Sept/Oct 2008).

Wed 10/15 Norms, Ideas, and War

Nina Tannenwald, "Stigmatizing the Bomb: Origins of the Nuclear Taboo," *International Security* (Spring 2005). Read **p. 5 to bottom of 27; 33-36; 42-45.**
Samuel Huntington, "The Clash of Civilizations?" *Foreign Affairs* (28 pp)

Fri 10/17 The Future of War

Richard Rosecrance, "The Trading State" (10 pp)
Francis Fukuyama, "The End of History?" (12 pp)
John Mueller, "The Obsolescence of Major War" (13 pp)

Mon 10/20 Internal War and Humanitarian Intervention

Steven David, "The Primacy of Internal War," (23 pp)
Martha Finnemore, "Constructing Norms of Humanitarian Intervention" (15 pp)
Gareth Evans and Mohamed Sahnoun, "The Responsibility to Protect," *Foreign Affairs* (11 pp)
Samantha Power, "Bystanders to Genocide," *Atlantic* (24 pp)

Recommended (on Darfur):
Richard Just, "The Truth Will Not Set You Free," *New Republic*, August 27, 2008, pp. 36-47.

Wed 10/22 Discussion and Review Session

Fri 10/24 EXAM #1

Mon 10/27 Terrorism

Juergensmeyer, "Terror in the Name of God," *Current History* (5 pp).
Martha Crenshaw, "Why America? The Globalization of Civil War," *Current History* (8pp)
Krueger and Maleckova, "Does Poverty Cause Terrorism?" *The New Republic* (6 pp).
Mueller, "Harbinger or Aberration?" *The National Interest* (5 pp.)

Wed 10/29 Introduction to Nuclear Weapons

Gregg Easterbrook, "Term Limits," *The New Republic* (4 pp)
Robert Jervis, "Political Effects of Nuclear Weapons," *International Security*, (10 pp)

Recommended: a useful primer on WMD is Joseph Cirincione, Deadly Arsenals: Tracking Weapons of Mass Destruction (on Blackboard)

Fri 10/31 Nuclear Deterrence and Proliferation

Scott Sagan and Kenneth Waltz, The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: A Debate (BOOK)
Read Waltz, pp. 3-23; 38-45; Sagan, pp. 46-82. (63 pp)

Mon 11/3 CLASS DEBATE: Iranian nuclear weapons

Arthur Herman, "Getting Serious About Iran: A Military Option," Commentary (Nov 2006), pp. 28-32
Barry Posen, "We Can Live with a Nuclear Iran," New York Times, February 27, 2007.
Michael Petrou, "Is it Time to Bomb Iran?" Macleans, December 10, 2007

SECTION III: THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Wed 11/5 Globalization

"One World?" The Economist (Posted on BB as "Economist_One")
"Trade Winds," The Economist
"Delivering the Goods," The Economist
"Capital Goes Global," The Economist
"Measuring Globalization," Foreign Policy
Keohane and Nye, "Globalization: What's New? What's Not? (And So What?)" (15 pp)
Rodrik, "Sense and Nonsense in the Globalization Debate," Foreign Policy (13 pp)
Ferguson, "Sinking Globalization."

Fri 11/7 Globalization and its Discontents

Garrett, "Globalization's Missing Middle."
Irwin, Free Trade Under Fire, BOOK, pp. 70-99.
John Micklethwait and Adrian Wooldridge, "The Globalization Backlash," Foreign Policy.
"2 Outcomes when Foreigners Buy Factories," New York Times, April 7, 2008.
"The Free Trade Paradox," New Yorker, May 28, 2008, p. 13.

Mon 11/10 International Finance

Goldstein, "Money and Business"
"Iceland's Deep Freeze," New Yorker, April 21, 2008. (1p)
James Fallows, "The \$1.4 Trillion Question," Atlantic, Jan/Feb 2008.

Wed 11/12 Development and Global Inequality

Jeffrey Sachs, The End of Poverty, Ch. 1 (20pp)
Ricardo Hausmann, "Prisoners of Geography," (8 pp)
Dani Rodrik, "Trading in Illusions" (7 pp)
Richard Gardner, "The One Percent Solution," Foreign Affairs (9 pp)
Nancy Birdsall, "Some Child Labor Works," Foreign Policy (1 p)
Irwin, Free Trade Under Fire, BOOK, pp. 209-224

SECTION IV: EMERGING ISSUES

Fri 11/14 The Rise of China

Mearsheimer, "The Future of the American Pacifier," read from p. 386 to end of chapter. BOOK (10pp)
Taylor Fravel and Evan Medeiros, "China's New Diplomacy," Foreign Affairs (7pp)

Mon 11/17 The Environment: Are We Running Out of Stuff?

Garrett Hardin, "The Tragedy of the Commons" (5 pp)
Julian Simon, "The Infinite Supply of Natural Resources" (7 pp)
Homer-Dixon, "Cornucopians and Neo-Malthusians" (3 pp).
Paul Krugman, "Earth in the Balance Sheet."

Wed 11/19 The Politics of Climate Change

Thomas Schelling, "What Makes Greenhouse Sense? Time to Rethink the Kyoto Protocol" (7 pp)
Scott G. Borgeson, "Arctic Meltdown," *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2008.
Michael Klare, "The New Geography of Conflict," *Foreign Affairs*, 2001

Recommended: "Global Resources Wars," On Point with Tom Ashbrook, Boston Public Radio, WBUR. Podcast available at
http://archives.onpointradio.org/shows/2007/08/20070808_b_main.asp

Fri 11/21 EXAM #2

Mon 11/24 - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY Fri 11/28

Mon 12/1 Memory, Justice, and Human Rights

Leslie Vinjamuri and Jack Snyder, "Advocacy and Scholarship in the Study of International War Crime Tribunals and Transitional Justice" (15 pp)
"Call by U.S. House for Sex Slavery Apology Angers Japan's Leader," New York Times, August 1, 2007.
Nicholas Kristof, "The Problem of Memory," Foreign Affairs (Nov/Dec 1998).
Tony Judt, "The Past is Another Country: Myth and Memory in Postwar Europe," Daedalus (Fall 1992).
Read p. 83-97 (rest is optional).

Wed 12/3 Summing Up

The final paper topic will be emailed to you on December 2. Hard copies of your papers are due on **Monday, December 8th, 12:00 noon**, in the Government Dept office (211 Silsby). Papers are not accepted by email.