

D578 Comparative and International Affairs, Section 7000, Spring 2023
Monday and Wednesday 1:15 pm - 2:30 pm, PVA205

Final exam, comprehensive, Monday, May 1, 10:20 am -12:20 am.

Office hours: Wednesday, 3:00-4:30, room 421

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Course Description

Approaches to International Relations and Political Economy

1. Realism, liberalism, neo-Marxism
2. Probabilistic nature of knowledge about timing and causes of conflict and cooperation.

Basic forces of International Interactions

1. International system, subsystem, uni/bi/tri/multi polarity spheres of influence.
2. Interaction, influence, power, symmetry, asymmetry, decision making

International Arms Races and Disarmament

1. Dynamics of arms races
2. Dynamics of disarmament and the military-industrial complex

International Conflict

1. Civil wars and interstate wars
2. Terrorism, both non-state and state-violence against noncombatants

Defense Economics and Economics of Conflict

1. IPE of national security (feeling safe) and defense (militarization)
2. Dependence, vulnerability, sanctions, blockades, total war

International Cooperation

1. International law
2. Global economics: trade, investments

International Peace

1. The pre-1945 and post-1945 zones of conflict and peace
2. Causes of peace among the developed countries since 1945

Course materials

Russett, B., H. Starr, and D. Kinsella, World Politics: The Menu for Choice, 10th Edition + my lecture notes (go beyond the book), and a few extra readings on Canvas.

Learning outcomes

Know to apply the course materials, including, for example, models for bargaining; collective

choice; cost-benefit; action-reaction; disarmament; gains from trade; exchange rates and trade; war, civil war, terrorism; strategic interaction (games); dependence; interdependence; income inequality; rise and fall of world hegemony; democracy and peace; international organizations; and the three major approaches to international relations in politics and economics.

The course can help open a door to jobs in places like the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, diplomatic core, intelligence services, department of defense, United Nations, IMF, world bank, European Commission, NATO, WTO, and associated think-tank and lobby firms.

Math content

I assume you know high-school graphs, algebra, Excel (or something like it), average, variance, probability, and the concept of regression. We do not run statistical models; we discuss their results in our areas. SPEA offers math refreshments per topic, online, examples, nicely done.

Grade Structure

- HW 1 13
- HW 2 11
- HW 3 11
- Midterm exam I 17
- Midterm exam II 17
- Final exam 31 points – includes all the material.

Class Policy

- Phones away during class.
- Laptops and electronic notebooks are allowed only for class stuff.
- No eating and drinking in class without a formally documented medical condition.
- I do not grade attendance – **I highly recommend that you attend each class.**
- Feel free to ask questions and make comments any time, speak as you see fit.

Homework Policy

- Submit in class, on paper, at the start meeting on the due date unless there is an emergency event.
- Homework submitted late receives a grade of zero unless there is an emergency event.
- Nonreadable parts get a grade of zero.
- Homework is solo, no collaboration – come to office hours for help, as needed.
- Shared work gets a grade of zero.
- Cases of shared homework across students that occur more than once get reported to SPEA for further handling.
- Show your work in homework – you can get hefty partial credit, if correct.
- The homework submission date may move slightly during the semester.

Exam Taking Policy

- You take exams in class and on the assigned dates unless there is an emergency.
- Exams not taken on the due date in class get a grade of zero unless there is an emergency.
- Bring to exams regular scientific calculators for computations.
- Can bring only up to two double-sided pages to exams; write/type anything you like.
- No books, no lecture notes, no printed material, unless you wrote it yourself.
- Show your work in homework – you can get hefty partial credit, if correct.

Emergency

- Examples of emergency: court appearance, car accident, arrest, breaking into your home, hospitalization in family, funeral in the family.
- Examples of nonemergency: party, family reunion, class reunion, vacation, go to work, wedding, job interview, the bus was late.
- Emergency letters must say when, where, and why an event was a crisis, be on the issuer's letterhead, and include the date, issuer's title, full name, phone#, and signature.
- Letters from friends and family do not suffice for documented emergencies.
- Emergency documents handed in after the class grade was published will not be recognized.
- Events not listed here will be evaluated as emergencies on a case-by-case basis.
- Chronic illnesses: ask **Disability Services for Students** to send me a letter.
- Hospitalizations: ask the Dean of Students Office to send me an absence memo.
<https://studentaffairs.indiana.edu/student-support/dean-of-students/attendance.html>
 - Short-term illness: the missing homework or midterm roll into the final exam **if** you get me a form before the due time saying you have a health-related reason for missing the assignment, and you know that submitting false info is academic misconduct.

Course Letter Grades: You can fail the class

A+ > 96 A 92—96 A- 88-91.99 B+ 84-87.99 B 80-83.99 B- 76-79.99
C+ 72-75.99 C 68-71.99 C- 64-67.99 D+ 60-63.99 D 56-59.99 D- 52-55.99 F < 52.

Syllabus

Monday 1/09	Go over the course plan and start chapter 2.
Wednesday 1/11	Chapter 2: Thinking about world politics: theory and reality.
Monday 1/16	Martine Luther King Day – no class
Wednesday 1/18	Chapter 2: Thinking about world politics: theory and reality.
Monday 1/23	Chapter 3: Global actors: States and other players on the world stage HW 1 is given in class.
Wednesday 1/25	Chapter 3: Global actors: States and other players on the world stage
Monday 1/30	Chapter 4: Power and Influence in Global Society: relations between states

Wednesday 2/1	Chapter 4: Power and Influence in Global Society: relations between states
Monday 2/6	Chapter 5: Domestic sources of foreign policy
Wednesday 2/8	Chapter 5: Domestic sources of foreign policy
Monday 2/13	Chapter 6: Decision-making: rationality, psychology, and organizations HW1 is due in class.
Wednesday 2/15	Chapter 6: Decision-making: rationality, psychology, and organizations
Monday 2/20	Chapter 7: Why do states and other political entities resort to using force? HW 1 is returned and graded, in class.
Wednesday 2/22	Chapter 7: Why do states and other political entities resort to using force?
Monday 2/27	Midterm exam 1: Chapters 2-5
Wednesday 3/1	Chapter 8: Security dilemma: armament and disarmament
Monday 3/6	Chapter 8: Security dilemma: armament and disarmament HW 2 is assigned.
Wednesday 3/7	Chapter 9: International law
Monday 3/13	Spring Break – no class
Wednesday 3/15	Spring Break – no class
Monday 3/20	Chapter 9: International law
Wednesday 3/22	Chapter 11: Economic Interdependence, protectionism, and liberalization HW 2 is due back.
Monday 3/27	Chapter 11: Economic Interdependence, protectionism, and liberalization
Wednesday 3/29	Reading: Political economy of national security and defense HW2 returned graded, in class.
Monday 4/3	Reading: Political economy of national security and defense
Wednesday 4/5	Midterm Exam 2: Chapters 6-9 HW 3 is assigned.
Monday 4/10	Chapter 10: Global order and collective action
Wednesday 4/12	Chapter 10: Global order and collective action
Monday 4/17	Reading: Causes of peace.
Wednesday 4/19	Reading: Causes of peace.
Monday 4/24	Reading: Causes of peace. HW 3 is due.
Wednesday 4/26	Overflow session
Friday 4/28	HW3 returned to students in place TBD.