

Course	INTL- 5000 Introduction to International Relations
Term	FALL 1 2009
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Catalog Description	Students are introduced to the discipline of international relations through an overview of international security, foreign policy, international organizations, international law, and international political economy. Students examine the basic structure, processes, and issues relating to international affairs.
Prerequisites	The Students should be able to write at the Graduate Level.
Course Level Learning Outcomes	Objectives: To allow the students to build a basic understanding of concepts, institutions, and processes which form the international systems.
Materials	<i>International Relations, 8th edition.</i> Joshua S. Goldstein and Jon C. Pevehouse <i>International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues, 9th Edition.</i> Robert J. Art and Robert Jervis.
Grading	Midterm Exam 25% of Final Grade, Research Paper 40% of Final Grade, Research Presentation 10% of Final Grade, Three Short Quizzes 15% of Final Grade Class Participation and Discussion 10% of Final Grade
Activities	Class participation is a key element of graduate education. Each student is expected to read the class materials and be aware of current events in international politics. The Midterm Examination will be a take-home essay exam. Three questions will be given and each student must answer two of the questions in 3 to 5 pages per question. The research paper must be at least 15 pages and cover a topic concerning a fundamental aspect of International Relations. A list of possible topics will be provided but students should not feel limited to these issues. The choice of topic must be presented by Week 4. The final paper must be turned in by the last course. Three short answer quizzes will be given in class during Weeks 6-8. The Research Presentations will be a 10-15 minute synopsis of your research paper during the last class session. The order of the presentations will be set by the students using a sign up sheet during Week 7.

Policy Statements: University Policies	University Policies can be found either on-line at Webster,edu or in the course catalog. The University policies are expected to be the guidelines for the students' administrative activities and demeanor.
Course Policies	1.- A reasonable percentage of a student grade will depend on class participation. The importance of this participation should not be underestimated by students. 2.- The issue of plagiarism is of great importance in the academic community, it therefore mandatory that students understand the definition of plagiarism.
Weekly Schedule	<p>WEEK 1: Chapter 1, Goldstein & Pevehouse (G&P).</p> <p>WEEK 2: Chapters 2 and 3. G&P Morgenthau, <i>Six Principles of Political Realism</i>. Waltz, <i>The Anarchic Structure of World Politics</i> Oye, <i>The Conditions for Cooperation in World Politics</i>. -- Art&Jervis(A&J)</p> <p>WEEK 3: Chapter 4. G&P Morgenthau, <i>The Future of Diplomacy</i> Walt, <i>Alliance, Balancing and Bandwagoning</i> A&J</p> <p>WEEK 4: Chapters 5 and 6 G&P Huntington, <i>The Clash of Civilizations?</i> Art, <i>The Four Functions of Force</i>. Jervis, <i>Offense, Defense, and the Security Dilemma</i> A&J Midterm Exam (Take home). Topic Due.</p> <p>WEEK 5: Chapter 7. G&P Howard and Donnelly, <i>Human Rights in World Politics</i> Ratner, <i>International Law: The Trials of Global Norms</i> A&J Exam Due.</p> <p>WEEK 6: Chapters 8 and 9. G&P Gilpin, <i>The Nature of Political Economy</i>. Frankel, <i>The Globalization of the Economy</i>. A&J Quiz 1</p> <p>WEEK 7: Chapters 10 and 11. G&P Keohane, <i>International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work?</i> Victor, <i>International Cooperation on Climate Change: Numbers, Interests and Institutions</i> A&J Sign Up for Presentations. Quiz 2</p> <p>WEEK 8: Chapters 12, and 13 G&P Scott, <i>The Great Divide in the Global Village</i>. A&J Waltz, <i>Globalization and Governance</i> Quiz 3</p> <p>WEEK 9. Presentations. Papers Due.</p>

Additional Information	Supplemental reading materials may be presented by the instructor at no charge to the students.