

Political Science 597.01
Conflict and Cooperation in International Politics

Fall Quarter, 2005
Monday and Wednesday 08:30 - 10:18 AM
Derby Hall, Room 0080

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Course Goals and Description:

This is a thematic upper-division course that draws upon multiple disciplines and enriches students' experiences of the contemporary world. The purpose of this course is to develop a basic vocabulary and analytical framework for evaluating current international political issues. This course will introduce different approaches to the study of international politics and discuss topics that incorporate both historical and current examples. In addition, the course will provide tools necessary to evaluate the role of power and interests in the international system, inter-state conflict and cooperation, and emerging global security and economic issues. Finally, this course will highlight the implications of recent trends and events for the United States in the coming era.

Required Readings:

Karen A. Mingst. 2004. *Essentials of International Relations*. 3rd Edition. New York: W. W. Norton.

Karen A. Mingst and Jack L. Snyder. 2004. *Essential Readings in World Politics*. 2nd Edition. New York: W. W. Norton

Recommended Reading:

I strongly recommend that each student follow current events on a daily basis, focusing on international politics. Reading the *New York Times* and *the Economist* is likely to be the best way to do this. You can subscribe to the *New York Times* through the university, buy the paper daily at the bookstore or other locations, or read the on-line version of the paper located at www.nytimes.com (this is free). You can read portions of *the Economist* at www.economist.com or in the main library. Other major papers with substantial international coverage may also be appropriate (e.g., *Washington Post*, *L.A. Times*, *London Times* – all have web-versions available).

Course Requirements and learning objectives:

In this course students are expected to synthesize and apply knowledge from diverse disciplines to contemporary issues and write about the contemporary world. This course mixes lecture with group discussion. Students are expected to do the assigned readings by the date listed and participate in class discussions. Class participation will be evaluated according to the quality and frequency with which students engage in class discussion. If you miss class, you are responsible for getting the information covered in class from another student, not the instructor.

Exams: there will be three exams given during the quarter: two mid-terms and a final. These exams will test your knowledge of course readings, class lectures, and class discussions. There will absolutely be **NO** make-up exams given without **documented** instances of emergencies.

Paper: students will be required to submit a four-page paper (typed, double-spaced) that provides a summary and analysis of an international news story found recently in the *New York Times* or *The Economist*. The Summary should capture the basics of the who, what, where, when, and why of the story. In addition, the analysis should relate those basics to one or more of the concepts that have been discussed in class (up to that point). This paper will be submitted for grading and comments no later than **November 21**.

Important Procedural Notes for the Paper: All papers received after the class of **November 21** will be considered late. Late assignments will be reduced by 1/3rd of a letter grade for each day they are late (e.g. an A- paper that is one day late will be reduced to a B+). Papers more than one week late will not be accepted. All requests for re-grades will be considered for one week after papers are returned. Requests for re-grading must be made in writing and include an explanation of why the original grade is not justified. Please be aware that the grade of any re-graded paper could improve or decline if re-graded.

Course Evaluation:

Mid-Term I (October 12)	20%
Mid-Term II (November 7)	20%
Paper (November 21)	20%
Final (December 6)	30%
Class Participation	10%

Academic Honesty:

All of the work you do in this course is expected to be your own. Absolutely NO cheating or plagiarism (using someone else's words or ideas without proper citation) will be tolerated. Any cases of cheating or plagiarism will be reported to the university committee on academic misconduct and handled according to university policy.

Disability:

Students with disabilities are responsible for making their needs known to the instructor, and seeking available assistance, in the first week of the quarter. Course materials are available in alternative formats upon request. For such materials please contact Mr. Wayne Deyoung, 2140 Derby Hall, 154 N. Oval Mall, 292-2880.

COURSE OUTLINE

- September 21 **Introduction: What's international politics and why should you Care?**
Read: Mingst, Chapter 1
- September 26 **Historical Overview I**
Read: Mingst, Chapter 2
Wilson in M&S, pp. 26-27
- September 28 **Historical Overview II**
Read: Gaddis in M&S, pp. 33-47
- October 3 **The Levels of Analysis**
Read: Mingst, Chapter 3, pp. 55-61, and Chapters 4 & 6
- October 5 **Theories of International Politics I: Realism**
Read: Mingst, Chapter 3, pp. 62-82
Morgenthau in M&S, pp. 49-51
Mearsheimer in M&S, pp. 54-72
- October 10 **Theories of International Politics II: Liberalism and Constructivism**
Read: Doyle in M&S, pp. 73-86
Finnemore in M&S, pp. 102-118
- October 12 **Midterm I**
- October 17 **The State and State Interests**
Read: Mingst, Chapter 5, pp. 101-107
- October 19 **Power and Instruments of Power**
Read: Mingst, Chapter 5, pp. 108-135
Morgenthau in M&S, pp. 51-53
- October 24 **Class Simulation**
- October 26 **The Causes of War**
Read: Mingst, Chapter 8, pp. 198-217
Von Clausewitz in M&S, 297-300
- October 31 **Deterrence and Arms Races I**
Read: Mingst, Chapter 8, pp. 218-231
Jervis in M&S, 309-322
- November 2 **Deterrence and Arms Races II**
Read: Sagan and Waltz, 322-341

November 7 **Midterm II**

November 9 **International Political Economy: Liberalism**

Read: Mingst, Chapter 9, pp. 235-243

Gilpin in M&S, pp. 403-410

November 14 **International Political Economy: Mercantilism and Marxism**

Read: Mingst, Chapter 9, pp. 244-272

Frank in M&S, pp. 86-93

November 16 **Developed and Less Developed countries I**

Read: Scott in M&S, pp. 421-430

Einhorn, pp. 430-437

November 21 **Developed and Less Developed countries II**

Read: Stiglitz in M&S, 437-460

***Paper assignment due November 21**

November 23 **International Organizations and International Law**

Read: Mingst, Chapter 7

Power in M&S 233-253

November 28 **Globalizing Issues: health, the Environment, and Human Rights**

Read: Mingst, Chapter 10

Held et al. in M&S, 462-471

Friedman in M&S, 471-477

Sen in M&S, 477-480

November 30 **Wrap Up and Review**

Final Exam - Tuesday December 6 7:30 – 9:18 AM

*** Note that the course outline may be altered. Any Changes will be announced in class in advance.**