

Fundamentals of International Relations I01

Syllabus

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Instructor Information

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(<https://wiu.zoom.us/j/94563931056>)

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Days: Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday

Communication Statement

Please use my WIU Email address above to contact me. Include the Course title in the Subject field. I will respond to email within 24 hours.

General Course Information

Course Description

POLSC 228 introduces undergraduate students to the field of International Relations, which seeks to understand how the peoples and countries of the world get along, as well as scientific approach to study world politics. After a brief introduction, in the first unit of the course we will study international conflict, both its origins and how it can be resolved. In the second unit, we will study major issues in international political economy, such as trade, and monetary policy. Finally, in the third unit of the course, we will discuss a variety of issues that are likely to shape the future of world politics. This section will include topics such as terrorism/counterterrorism, human rights, and environmental policy. The course as a whole should provide you not only with an understanding of how states interact with each other in the international system, but also with a knowledge of the international relations scholarship that deals with these questions. The course will be taught from a political science, rather than a policy or history, perspective. While this is not primarily a current events course, we will devote several lectures to understanding different viewpoints on a variety of relevant issues in the international system. This course will prepare you for more advanced political science courses and help you think critically and analytically about current events.

Pre/Co Requisites

N/A

Course Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of course, you will be able to:

1. Develop your voice
 2. Understand the critical concepts in International Relations
 3. Expand and relate major International Theories to real world problems
 4. Understand different viewpoints on a variety of relevant issues in the international system
 5. Think critically and analytically about current events
 6. Engage in a constructive discussion with your peers on issues related to world politics
 7. Enroll in advanced political science courses
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Required Materials

Text

World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions (4th Edition)
by Frieden, Jeffrey A., David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz

© 2016 and WW Norton & Company. (ISBN 978-0393675108)

Make sure to get your own copy of the book. Otherwise, you may not be able to complete the requirements of the textbook. The book is available at the campus bookstore and from several online retailers. Norton also provides an option to purchase an e-book at a discounted price. Visit <http://books.wwnorton.com/nortonebooks/> for more information.

Western Online Access and Technical Requirements

This class does not meet face-to-face. This is an online course and is conducted through Western Online at <http://www.westernonline.wiu.edu>.

Requirements for Western Online are listed at http://www.wiu.edu/CITR/resources/wo_tech_requirements.php and must be met prior to beginning this course.

Technical Support

Technical support is available through the University Technology (uTech) Support Center.

- Phone: 298.2704
- Email: support@wiu.edu
- Website: http://www.wiu.edu/university_technology/

Exams (50% of total grade)

Students are required to complete three (3) exams that examine their understanding of the assigned course materials.

Unit 1 exam: (15% of course grade) multiple choice questions **Sep 26-October 2, 2022.**

Unit 2 exam: (15% of course grade) In class, multiple choice questions **Oct 31- Nov 6, 2022.**

Unit 3 exam: (20% of course grade) On scheduled final exam date, multiple choice questions, **December 12-16, 2022.**

Discussion Board 20%

Participation grades will be based on your participation in the discussion board. It is total 20% of your final grade. The interactive nature of this class requires that students participate in discussion board every week for every chapter. I've created a discussion board which will have questions related to readings every day week and will provide an opportunity to everyone to engage in discussion. The discussion post will be available for a whole week and will be available every Monday at 9:00 am to Sunday 11:59 pm. No late posts will be accepted and I will be randomly responding to weekly discussions.

Homeworks 20%

Throughout the semester, you will be assigned homework to help you understand the material. Late HomeWorks could only be submitted in the case of a medical excuse or verified personal emergency. In order to be able to take a make-up exam, you must plan for it ahead of time. Under no other circumstances will there be make-up exams

Response Memo 10%

During the semester we will be discussing scholarly article. Throughout the semester you must submit one (1) response memo. Memo for a particular topic of your choice will be due in that particular week. Keep in mind that once we have discussed a topic, you may no longer write a memo on that topic (and, due to the nature of this assignment, no late memos will be accepted). All memos must be a maximum length of two (2) double-spaced pages, with standard margins and 11 or 12 size fonts (Arial, Times New Roman, or Calibri). Memos must be turned in as a hard copy (not e-mailed) at the beginning of class. Note that memos must address the research question, how the research fills the gap in the existing literature, what is the theoretical argument and what are the findings of the study. Memos that do not address the readings will be penalized

Course Work

Readings listed for each day should be completed before the class meeting. The schedule is subject to change. If any changes occur, you will be notified through Western Online as soon as possible.

Grading Scale

Course grade will be based on total points earned out of 100 points. The grades will not be bumped. It means that if you receive 89.5 at the end of semester, then you will earn a B grade.

Final grades will be assigned based on the number of points you accumulate during the semester. Here is the grading scheme:

Your grade will be determined using the following grading scale.

- 90% - 100% - A
- 80% - 89% - B
- 70% - 79% - C
- 60% - 69% - D
- 59% or below - F

Student Participation and Netiquette

Students are required to be respectful to other students. No disruptive behavior will be accepted in class or discussion platform.

Students Rights and Responsibilities

<http://www.wiu.edu/provost/students.php>

Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty includes the use of illegally obtained notes and exams, submission of work completed by another person, the sharing of exam answers with others, and similar activities. Such dishonesty will not be tolerated and will lead to penalties depending on the severity of the infraction. Please see <http://www.wiu.edu/policies/acintegrity.php> for more information.

Accessibility Statement

Students with disabilities: In accordance with University values and disability law, students with disabilities may request academic accommodations where there are aspects of a course that result in barriers to inclusion or accurate assessment of achievement. To file an official request for disability-related accommodations, please contact the Disability Resource Center at 309-298-2512, disability@wiu.edu or in 143 Memorial Hall. Please notify the instructor as soon as possible to ensure that this course is accessible to you in a timely manner.

Disability Resources Center

http://www.wiu.edu/student_services/disability_resource_center/

Students with Disabilities

http://www.wiu.edu/student_services/career_development_center/studentsWithDisabilities.php

Title IX

University values, Title IX, and other federal and state laws prohibit sex discrimination, including sexual assault/misconduct, dating/domestic violence, and stalking. If you, or someone you know, has been the victim of any of these offenses, we encourage you to report this to the Title IX Coordinator at 309-298-1977 or anonymously online

at: http://www.wiu.edu/equal_opportunity_and_access/request_form/index.php. If you disclose an incident to a faculty member, the faculty member must notify the Title IX Coordinator. The complete Title IX policy is available at: <http://www.wiu.edu/vpas/policies/titleIX.php>.

Course Schedule

Tentative Course Outline* (may be subject to amendments)

Week	Topic	Reading	Activities
Week 1	What Shaped Our World & Understanding Interests, Interactions, and Institutions	Textbook Chapter 1& 2	Discussion Board
UNIT I: WAR & PEACE			
Week 2	Why Are There Wars?	Textbook Chapter 3	Discussion Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Homework 1 (on Modules 1- 2 Readings) due by 11:59 pm on Friday Sep 4^h
Week 3	Domestic Politics and War	Textbook Chapter 4	Discussion Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Article: Alliance, contiguity, wealth, and political stability: Is the lack of conflict among democracies a statistical artifact? Maoz and Russett 1992. (Available in https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/03050629208434782) ▪ Memo Due (If you plan on submitting a memo for this article)
Week 4	International Institutions and War	Textbook Chapter 5	Discussion Board
Week 5	Violence by Non-State Actors: Civil War and Terrorism	Textbook Chapter 6	Discussion Board Homework2 (on Modules3-5Readings) due by 11:59 pm onSep23
Week 6	Exam I Exam will be available on Sep 26 th at 9:00 am and will be due by 11:59pm on Oct 2 nd ,2022at 11:59pm		
UNIT II: INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY			

Week 7	International Trade	Textbook Chapter 7	Discussion Board
Week 8 <i>(No Office Hours Due to Conference)</i>	Trade and International Conflict	Scholarly Article on How Trade Could Affect Conflict? https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0022343399036004006	Discussion Board ▪ Memo Due (If you plan on submitting a memo for this article)
Week 9	Domestic Politics of Trade and Conflict	Scholarly Article on How domestic politics affect the relationship between trade and conflict? https://academic.oup.com/isq/article/57/3/605/1809522	Discussion Board ▪ Memo Due (If you plan on submitting a memo for this article)
Week 10	Development: Causes of Wealth and Poverty of Nations	Textbook Chapter 10	Discussion Board Homework3 (on Modules6-9 Readings) due by 11:59 pm on October 30th, 2022
Week 11	Exam II Exam will be available on Monday, October 31 at 9:00 am and will be due by 11:59pm on Sunday Nov 6 Exam will cover Modules 7-9		
UNIT III: TRANSNATIONAL POLITICS			
Week 12	International Law	Textbook Chapter 11	Discussion Board
Week 13 <i>(No Office Hours Due to Conference)</i>	Human Rights	Textbook Chapter 12	Discussion Board
Week 14	Review Session for Final Exam	Homework4 (on Modules 10-12 Readings) due by 11:59 pm on Dec 11th, 2022	
Week 15	Final Exam <i>Exam will be available on Monday, Dec 12 at 8:00 am and will be due on Dec 18th at 11:59 pm.</i>		