

INR 2001
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Monday - Wednesday - Friday 4th Period
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COURSE OBJECTIVES

Nothing remains outside the analytical domain of the study of international relations. Depending on the context, world politics encompasses all behavior between people. In the age of technological, economic, and ecological change, understanding the political relevance of human actions is necessary as people try to solve problems that increasingly become international. This course is designed to assist students in their understanding of global politics by providing them with a general framework for putting in perspective current developments related to international politics. Students will develop a familiarity with the basic concepts of international relations. There are two specific goals facing the students: 1) developing an appreciation for the elements of both change and continuity in the global system and 2) developing skills necessary to apply theoretical and conceptual understanding in analyzing current international events. The more broad intellectual objective is to assist students in developing an appreciation for the complexity of international issues, including the inter-relationship of domestic and international events.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Charles W. Kegley, Jr., and Shannon L. Blanton, World Politics: Trend and Transformation, 2012-2013 Edition, Boston: Wadworth

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/> (web site for assignments and quizzes)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

This course is both a lecture and a discussion course. Students are expected to attend lectures and to raise relevant questions in class. The course is organized around daily lectures that will both complement and clarify assigned readings. Much of the lecture material, and thus exam questions, transcends the information covered in the texts. It is

strongly recommended that students stay ahead in the daily reading assignments. To engage the class in active participation, each student must complete several short take home assignments specified in the syllabus. Timely discussions are expected on the topics. Beyond the normal course readings, students are encouraged to access prominent periodicals on a daily basis. *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Christian Science Monitor* are available on the Internet (WWW.NYT.COM, WWW.WASHINGTONPOST.COM, WWW.CSMONITOR.COM).

EXAMS AND EVALUATION

There will be four exams, each accounting for 20% of the final grade. They are non-cumulative mixed format tests. There are no makeup exams..

Evaluation: Class Assignments	10%
Attendance	5%
Quizzes	5%
4 Exams	80%

RELEVANT DATES (dates are subject to change at the instructor's discretion)

EXAM 1 January 31	Map Quiz #1 - February 3
EXAM 2 February 26	Map Quiz #2 - February 10
EXAM 3 April 4	Map Quiz #3 - February 17
EXAM 4 April 23	Map Quiz #4 - March 17
	Map Quiz #5 - March 24

Grading Scale:	A 90-100	C 70-76.9
	B+ 87-89.9	D+ 67-69.9
	B 80-86.9	D 60-66.9
	C+ 77-79.9	E less than 60

COURSE OUTLINE

I. The System and The Players

- Introduction: Why Are We Here? (Do We Have to Be?)
- Analyzing World Politics: Realism, Idealism and Other Pretenders

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - Chapters 1 - 2

- Sizing Up the Actors -The United States Approach to World Politics

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - Chapters 3 - 4

- Majors and Minors: Russia, China, and the Third World States

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - Chapter 5

- The Rising Influence of Nonstate Actors

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - Chapter 6

EXAM #1 January 31

II. The Stakes (Part I): High Politics

-The State and Security

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - Chapter 8

**** Map QUIZ #1 and Assignment MONDAY - FEBRUARY 3 ****

-Power Variables and Power Relations

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - Chapter 8

- Theories of War and Civil War

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - Chapter 7

**** Map QUIZ #2 and Assignment MONDAY - FEBRUARY 10****

-Nuclear Weapons, Deterrence, and Crisis Management and Arms Control

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - Chapter 9 (pp.281-293)

**** Map QUIZ #3 and Assignment MONDAY - FEBRUARY 18****

EXAM #2 February 26 (Wednesday)

III. The Stakes (Part II): Low Politics

-Political Economy: Changing Nations' Priorities

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - Chapter 10

-The International Monetary System and Trade Politics

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - Chapter 11

- Eastern Europe/China: Problems of Moving to Market Economies

-Low Politics from a Third World Perspective

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - REVIEW Chapter 5

**** Map QUIZ #4 and Assignment MONDAY - MARCH 17****

-Oil and Energy Politics: Choices of States and Consumers

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - Chapter 14 (pp.472-474)

**** Map QUIZ #5 and Assignment MONDAY - MARCH 24****

EXAM #3 APRIL 4

IV. Global Community and Global Commons: Pressures, Power, Order and the Future of World Politics

-Population Pressures on a Finite Planet

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - Chapter 12

-Food Politics

-Problems of the Global Commons

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - Chapter 14 (pp.454-472)

-International Law: Forces for Peace or Prerogatives of the Powerful?

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - Chapter 9 (pp.303-322)

-International Organization: Limits of the Institutional Management of Anarchy

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - Chapter 9 (pp.293-303)

-International Integration: Building Communities or the Evolution of the State?

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - Chapter 6 (pp. 163 - 170)

-Interdependence and Power Politics: Reflections on the Tensions between Self-Interest and Collective Interests

-Continuity and Discontinuity in World Politics

Reading Assignment:
Kegley - Chapter 15

EXAM #4 April 23