

**Political Science 2057: Introduction to International Relations  
Spring 2017**

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**Class Meetings:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1:30 to 2:20 pm

**Class Location:** 112 Audubon

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### **Course Objectives**

This course is an introduction to international relations. It assumes no prior background in international relations. The purpose of this course is to introduce students to key concepts, theories, and problems in international relations. The course will focus on war and peace, international political economy, and issues over human rights and the global environment. Many of the topics in this course could be expanded into a course of its own. This course should thus prepare you for more advanced classes in international relations and help you think critically and analytically about explaining outcomes in international politics.

### **General Education Objectives**

This course is a General Education Course in the area of Social Science. The goal of such courses is to ensure LSU graduates will demonstrate an understanding of the informing factors of global interdependence, including economic forces, political dynamics, and cultural and linguistic difference.

### **Required textbook**

- Jeffrey A. Frieden, David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz, *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, W. W. Norton and Company, 2015. ISBN: 978-0-393-93809-8.
- All other readings will be made available on Moodle.

### **Course Requirements**

#### **1. Quizzes (15%)**

There will be *three* (3) unannounced quizzes for this course. The questions will be based on the required class readings and the class lectures. There will be *no* makeup quizzes, but the lowest score will be dropped from your final grade calculation.

## **2. Exams (20% and 30%)**

There will be two exams for this course. The midterm exam accounts for 20% of the total grade and is scheduled for **Monday, March, 6**. The final exam is cumulative and accounts for 30% of the final grade. The final exam is scheduled for **Friday, May 5, 10:00 – 12:00 pm**. The exams will include a combination of multiple choice and short answer questions.

## **3. Group Project (Presentation 10%, Paper 15%)**

Students are required to develop a group project that analyzes an issue in global politics applying the analytical framework of “Interests, Interactions, and Institutions” articulated in the textbook. Each group will select a topic, present an interim report, and write an 8- 10 page (double spaced with 1 margins) final paper collectively. Both the presentation and the final paper will be given a team grade.

Each student will be assigned to a group after the add/drop period has passed, and each group will be responsible for presenting, 1) a brief summary of the background knowledge and 2) ideas about how to apply the analytical framework of the three “I”s to the group’s issue. This presentation must be done using presentation software. Your slides must be submitted to me by email **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 2**.

The final paper must include; 1) a description of the issue, and 2) an analysis of the issue applying the three “I”s of framework. Keep in mind that the main goal of this project is to develop a systematic *analysis* of the selected topic, rather than simply describing the facts. The final paper must fully address these criteria in an academic paper format. The final paper is due on **Friday, April 28**.

## **4. Attendance and Participation (10%)**

Students are expected to attend all class meetings. During class, students will be asked to respond to various questions and submit the answers at the end of class. While the answers will not be graded, the questions will 1) motivate students to participate in class and 2) allow the instructor to assess student learning. For full credit, you must answer at least **50%** of the questions throughout the semester, otherwise you will receive **zero** for the Attendance and Participation portion of your final grade.

## **Grading policy**

Course grades will be awarded based on the following criteria:

97-100% = A+, 93-96% = A, 90-92% = A-, 87-89% = B+, 83-86% = B, 80-82% = B-, 77-79% = C+, 73-76% = C, 70-72% = C-, 67-69% = D+, 63-66% = D, 60-62% = D-, 0-60% = F

## Class and Reading Schedule

### Week 1: Jan 11 and Jan 13

- Class Overview
- FLS Introduction and Chapter 1: What Shaped Our World: A Historical Introduction

### Week 2: Jan 16, Jan 18, and Jan 20

- Monday, January 18: Martin Luther King day-- No Class
- Chapter 2: Understanding Interests, Interaction, and Institutions

### Week 3: Jan 23, Jan 25, and Jan 27

- Chapter 3: Why Are There Wars?

### Week 4: Jan 30, Feb 1, and Feb 3

- Russett, Bruce, *Grasping the Democratic Peace: Principles for a Post -Cold War World*, NJ: Princeton University Press: Chapters 1 and 2.
- Chapter 4: Domestic Politics and War

### Week 5: Feb 6, Feb, 8, and Feb. 10

- Chapter 5: International Institutions and War
- Glennon, Michael J., 2003, "Why the Security Council Failed," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 82, No. 3: 16-35.

### Week 6: Feb 13, Feb, 15, and Feb 17

- Chapter 6: Violence by Nonstate Actors: Civil War and Terrorism
- Stern, Jessica, 2010, "Mind Over Martyr: How to Deradicalize Islamist Extremists," *Foreign Affairs* Vol. 89, No. 1: 95-108.

### Week 7: Feb 20, Feb, 22, and Feb 24

- Chapter 7: International Trade
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### Week 8: Feb 27, March 1, and March 3

- Monday, February 27: Mardi Gras --No Class
- Chapter 8: International Financial Relations
- Review for Midterm Exam

**Week 9: March 6, March 8, and March 10**

- *Monday, March, 6: Midterm Exam*
- Chapter 8: International Financial Relations (continued)

**Week 10: March 13, March 15, and March 17**

- Chapter 9: International Monetary Relations

**Week 11: March 20, March 22, and March 24**

- Chapter 10: Development: Causes of the Wealth and Poverty of Nations
- McArthur, John W., 2013, "Own the Goals: What the Millennium Development Goals Have Accomplished," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 92, No. 2: 152- 162.

**Week 12: March 27, March 29 and March 31**

- Chapter 11: International Law and Norms

**Week 13: April 3, April 5, and April 7**

- *Group Project Presentations*

**Week 14: April 10, April 12, and April 14**

- Spring Break: No Classes

**Week 15: April 17, April 19, and April, 21**

- Chapter 12: Human Rights
- Chapter 13: The Global Environment

**Week 16: April 24, April 26, and April 28**

- Chapter 13: The Global Environment (continued)
- Chapter 14: The Future of International Politics
- *Group Project Paper Due on April 28 at the beginning of class*
- Class Recap and Review for Final Exam

**Week 17**

*Final Exam: Friday, May 5, 10:00 am -12:00 pm*

## **Course, University, and Campus Policies**

### **Office Hours:**

My office is in Stubbs, 318 and my office hours will be 11:30- 1:20 on Mondays. I will also be available other times by appointment. I encourage you to come and see me about any problems you may have during the course of the semester. The earlier you come to see me, the better.

### **Make-up Exams:**

Make-up exams will not be granted, except for the situations of illness with proper documentation, serious personal difficulties, or excuses granted by the university administration. The most important thing is that you inform me, in advance if possible, and if not, immediately thereafter, when you will be missing an exam.

### **E-mail/Electronic Communication Policy:**

Notifications for the class will be sent to your LSU e-mail address. If you do not check your LSU e-mail account regularly, or have it set-up to be forwarded to your preferred e-mail account, you may not get the message. Please check your LSU e-mail (or the e-mail address it forwards to) before coming to class each day.

### **Syllabus Change Policy:**

This syllabus is a general guide for the course, and is subject to change with advanced notice.

### **Copyright Statement:**

Course materials are intended for use only by students registered and enrolled in this course and only for instructional activities associated with and for the duration of the course. They may not be distributed outside the course without the instructor's permission.

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All students are expected to read and be familiar with the LSU Code of Student Conduct and Academic Misconduct, found online at [www.lsu.edu/saa](http://www.lsu.edu/saa). It is your responsibility as a student at LSU to know and understand the academic standards for our community. Students who are suspected of violating the Code of Conduct will be referred to the office of Student Advocacy & Accountability. For undergraduate students, a first academic violation could result in a zero grade on the assignment or failing the class and disciplinary probation until graduation. For a second academic violation, the result could be suspended from LSU.

**Disability Services:**

According to the our General Catalog, “The Office of Disability Services assists students in identifying and developing accommodations and services to help over-come barriers to the achievement of personal and academic goals. Services are provided for students with temporary or permanent disabilities. Accommodations and services are based on the individual student's disability-based need.” If you are seeking classroom accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you are required to register with Disability Services and discuss your accommodation needs with your instructor. Disability Services is located in 115 Johnston Hall. Phone is 225-578-5919: <http://students.lsu.edu/disability>.