

SYLLABUS



COURSE CODE: POL 210
COURSE TITLE: Introduction to International Relations
SEMESTER: Spring 2005
PLACE/TIME: Room MC 103, Mon & Thurs, 12:15-1:35 pm
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TEXTBOOK: Goldstein, Joshua S. *International Relations, Brief Second Edition*.
Pearson Longman, New York, NY, 2004.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

A brief introductory survey of the history of international relations and an examination of current diplomatic arrangements, techniques and concepts. Focus on helping the future American business person understand the international environment.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Upon completing this course, students should be able to explain:

- 1) various ways power is obtained and used in the international community
- 2) the development and roles of various international agencies
- 3) factors of international trade and economic regulation
- 4) ways that nations seek to resolve conflicts
- 5) ways that international issues such as health, the environment, and human rights affect international relations
- 6) their own views on many international issues
- 7) ways individual nations develop foreign policy agendas

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

The *Student Handbook* contains examples of academic dishonesty and appropriate disciplinary actions. Students are personally responsible for understanding the rules. The most common reason students cheat is because they failed to plan. Often students procrastinate studying or writing papers. When the assignment is almost due, and they no longer have adequate time, they feel stuck. So, they cheat. Plan ahead and give yourself plenty of time before due dates. Your instructor is always available to help if a problem arises. Do not cheat or plagiarize.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION:

Research Project 1	20%	3 Org. Critiques	4% each
Research Project 2	10%	Mid-Term Exam	10%
Presentation 1	5%	Final Exam	10%
Presentation 2	3%	Letter	5%
5 Quizzes	2% each	Participation	15%

Check course website for your current grade status.

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Schedule is subject to change.

Jan

10 Introductions and review syllabus

Read chapter 1

12 Understanding international relations

Video: *Ambassador*

email address due, turnitin.com registration due (1 point each)

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17 **No class on the 17th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Read chapter 2

20 Understanding international relations

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24 Power politics

Video: *School of Assassins*

Read chapter 3

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31 Alternatives to power politics,

Read chapter 4

Feb

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7 Conflict and war

Video: *Inside the Global Economy: Protectionism*

Read chapter 5

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14 Trade and money

Video: *The Money Lenders: the World Bank & the International Monetary Fund*

Read chapter 6

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21 International organization and law

Read chapter 7

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28 **Research Project due on 28th**

Presentations all week

March

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7 **Presentations**

10 **Mid-Term exam**

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14 Environment and technology

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21-25 Spring Break

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28 **No class on the 28th**

April

31 North-South relations

Read chapter 8

Video: *Target America*

Research Project #2 due on 31st

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4 Terrorism

Video: *The living martyr: Hizbollah unveiled*

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11 **Letters due on 11th**

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18 **Group Presentations**

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Final Exam