

Political Science 110
Introduction to International Relations
Fall, 2001
Syllabus

This course offers students the opportunity to become acquainted with the fundamental concepts of international relations and of the “international system.” Central considerations include the causes of war; the maintenance of peace and the avoidance of war; the relationship between the regime of a country and the foreign policy it follows; the determinants of foreign policy. Some of the topics that we will discuss are:

- Is there such a thing as international *politics*?
- What is the Balance of Power?
- Is foreign policy determined more by an international system or by the type of regime formulating it?
- What are the roles of morality and justice, respectively, in foreign policy?

These topics are illustrative but not exhaustive.

All the assignments are designed to facilitate discussion based on the readings for the course. You will be offered the opportunity to take six quizzes and to write six two-page summaries of each of the six “Parts” of the Fukuyama reading. Four of each of these, respectively, will count for 40% of your grade. One exam will count for 20% of your grade and it will be administered on October 19. Finally, you will be able to choose between writing a ten-page essay due on Dec. 7 **OR** taking a comprehensive final exam during finals week. One of these will also count for 40% of your grade.

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You will be expected to read the international news articles in The New York Times daily, and from time to time I will distribute handouts from the editorial page. Two textbooks available for purchase in the bookstore (Politics Among Nations and World Politics) and a set of readings on reserve (both at the reserve desk and on electronic reserve) are required reading. Finally, The End of History and the Last Man is an essay whose themes we will be discussing throughout the semester. It is also required and available in the bookstore.

All required readings must be completed by the *first day* they are due in the “Schedule of Classes.” This is the most important requirement of the course.

The Honor Code is always in force! I presume you have read it and understand it.

Plus-Minus grading will be used for this course (see p. 83 of the Catalog).

My office is 307 Seney Hall. My phone number is 4-8334. My e-mail address is bshapir@emory.edu and this is the preferred form of communication, either directly or through the class conference on learnlink (it is important that you keep up with the class conference, both for information about the course and for ongoing discussions of international politics). I am usually in my office from 8:30 to 9:15am, Monday through Thursday. However, you can always make an appointment with me, and you should plan to see me at least once before October recess. Class begins at 10:40am and concludes at 11:30am.

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Schedule of Classes

August 31:	Introduction
Sept. <u>5</u> :	Plato and Aristotle readings “Melian Debate” Fukuyama, “By Way of an Introduction” Summary due
Sept. 7:	WP, chap. 1, pp. 57-64, pp. 273-277
Sept. 10:	PAN, chapter 1 Machiavelli reading Hobbes and Locke readings Weber reading
Sept. 12:	Discussion
Sept. 14:	Kant reading Wilson reading
Sept. 17:	Discussion
Sept. 21:	PAN, chapters 2-7
Sept. 24:	Discussion
Sept. 26; Oct. 1:	WP, chapters 2-4

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Oct. 3, 5, 8:	PAN, chapters 8-10 WP, chapters 6-7
Oct. <u>10</u> , 12:	Fukuyama, Part I Summary of Part I due
Oct. 17:	Review/Discussion
Oct. 19:	Examination
Oct. <u>22</u> , 24:	WP, chapter 5 PAN, chapters 11-13 Summary of Part II due
Oct. 26, <u>29</u> :	WP, chapter 17 PAN, chapters 14-16 Summary of Part III due
Oct. 31:	Review
Nov. 2, <u>5</u> :	WP, chapter 14 PAN, chapters 24-25 Summary of Part IV due
Nov. 7, 9, <u>12</u> :	WP, chapters 15-18 Summary of Part V due

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Nov. 14-19, 26-30: Fukuyama, Parts II-V

Dec. 3, 5, 7, 10: Review, Discussion

Dec. 7: Paper due (for those who choose this option)

Summaries are due on dates in bold and underlined

There will be no class on Sept. 3 (Labor Day); Sept. 19 (Rosh HaShana); Sept. 28 (I have a personal commitment); Oct. 15 (Fall Recess); and Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Recess). Also, my past experience has taught me that the day before Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 21 this year) is a travel day, so I have not scheduled class for that day. We will make up that class and the one on Sept. 28 on some mutually agreeable Tuesdays, respectively, at 8:30am.