

Political Science 110
Introduction to International Relations
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You need to read this syllabus carefully, and consider its contents. There is no excuse for being unaware of requirements or due dates for this course.

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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.

Moreover, there are three considerations, which might be considered “goals,” that influence this course. They are:

- For students to become familiar enough with issues of international relations to be able to make intelligent decisions as citizens, i.e., voting.
- For students to be prepared to take upper-level courses in International Relations, if they choose such a major.
- For students to understand why issues of international relations are directly related to their lives, and why they have no choice in this regard.

This course requires you to do a great deal of reading, and in that sense it will be a very difficult course. **You will not be able to make a good grade in this course without doing all the reading and all the work, and you should take this warning seriously.** In other words, you should not take this course if you want to make a good grade but are not prepared to do **all the work**.

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 books are available for purchase in the bookstore (The New York Times Almanac and World Politics) and a third (The Lexus and the Olive Tree) will be available in the next week or so. There is a set of readings on reserve (both at the reserve desk and on electronic reserve) which are required reading. The End of History and the Last Man is an essay whose themes we will be discussing throughout the semester. It is also required reading, but not available for purchase. I have acquired a number of copies which I will loan to you for this course, but you will have to furnish a \$20.00 cash deposit to get it from Ms. Danforth, the divisional secretary. Your money will be returned to you when you return the book. And finally, you will be reading a book (No End in Sight: The Enduring Menace of Nuclear Proliferation) that has not been published yet, though it will be early next year by The University of Kentucky Press. It can be purchased from Ms. Danforth for \$25.00, which covers the cost of printing it and putting it in a binder. The author of the book, Professor Nathan Busch, will give two or three guest lectures this semester.

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. I will not tolerate academic dishonesty in any form.

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 or William Shapiro on learnlink, 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 should **always** check if I will be there when you want to come, which is best done by making an appointment. And, you can always make an appointment with me at a mutually agreeable time, and you should plan to see me at least once before October recess. Class begins at 10:40am and concludes at 11:30am.

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 over the semester, and four will count for 20% of your grade. You are required to write six summaries of the six parts of the Fukuyama reading, and four of those will count for 20% of your grade. A book review of The Lexus and the Olive Tree will count for 15% of your grade. A mid-term exam will count for 10% of your grade. The other 35% of your grade will be determined by a comprehensive final exam during finals week. In place of this exam you may write a 10-12 page paper (3000-3600 words), which is due in class on December 5.

Schedule of Classes

August 27:	Introduction
August 29:	Plato and Aristotle readings “Melian Debate”
September 3:	Fukuyama, “By Way of an Introduction”
Sept. 5:	WP, pp. 1-46.
Sept. 8:	Kant reading Hobbes and Locke readings Weber reading Morgenthau reading WP, pp. 47-70
Sept. 10:	Discussion
Sept. 12:	WP, 71-128 <i>No End</i> , chapters 1-3
Sept. 15, 6:00pm:	Discussion (Professor Busch)
Sept. 17:	WP, pp. 121-192 Fukuyama, Part I
Sept. 19:	Discussion
Sept. 22, 24:	WP, pp. 193-309 Review Kant, Hobbes, Locke, and Morgenthau

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Sept. 27, 29:	<i>No End</i> , chapter 4 Fukuyama, Part II
Oct. 1, 3:	WP, pp. 310-339
Oct. 8, 6:00pm:	Discussion (Professor Busch)
Oct. 10:	Examination
Oct. 15, 17:	Fukuyama, Part III
Oct. 20, 22, 24:	WP, pp. 341-474
Oct. 27:	Lexus, Review due
Oct. 27, 29:	<i>No End</i> , chapters 5-7 WP, pp. 475-518
Oct. 31:	Discussion, Professor Busch
Nov. 3:	Discussion
Nov. 5:	Fukuyama, Part IV
Nov. 7:	Discussion
Nov. 10:	Fukuyama, Part V
Nov 12-24:	Discussion (handouts will be distributed)

Dec. 1, 3, 5, 8: Review/Discussion (handouts)

Dec. 5: Paper due (for those who choose this option)

Notice that two classes, one on Sept. 15, the other on Oct. 8, will take place at 6:00pm, in the private dining room of the cafeteria. Professor Busch will eat and talk with us about his book. His lecture on Oct. 31 will be in class at our regular time.

Also notice that the readings are “front loaded,” i.e., we are finished with 99% of the readings by Nov. 10, except for reading The New York Times and some handouts I may distribute. There are a number of reasons for this. First, in order to have useful discussions, you must have read and learned the material first. Second, I wanted you to have ample time to review and study for your final exam in the context of what we have learned. Finally, I wanted to avoid major assignments due around the Thanksgiving Break. My experience is that students are not in the best situation to do their best work when this happens. However, this means that you will be working very hard until Nov. 10, and falling behind and then catching up will be impossible. Note also that summaries of the Fukuyama book are due on the first day the assignment appears on the syllabus, in class, **and that late summaries will not be accepted for a grade unless you can document illness or family emergency.** However, quizzes may come at any time, including after Nov. 10. Also note that The New York Times World Almanac is required, but that no specific assignments are cited. It is a reference book for you to use through the course of the semester. You should also note that the “appendix” of World Politics has reference information. Beyond these sources, I do presume that you have a basic sense of world geography, i.e., what countries are on what continents, where they are in relation to the United States, and what their major economic resources are, if they possess them. I will elaborate on these considerations in class.

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There will be no class on Sept. 1 (Labor Day); Oct. 6 (Yom Kippur); Oct. 13 (Fall Recess); and Nov. 26 and 28 (Thanksgiving Recess).