

Oxford College of Emory University
Pol. Sc. 110 Introduction to International Politics

Syllabus

Seney, 310
T, Th, 12:35-1:50
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COURSE OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the fundamental concepts of the international political system. The course will focus on theoretical concepts which form the heart of the international system. In addition to dealing with the "realist" approach to the pursuit of international power and peace, certain other approaches will also be briefly examined. Among the topics to be explored are the roles and limitations of international law and organizations, the "moral" approach to statecraft, and the basic elements of diplomacy.

TEXTS:

Morgenthau/(Thompson, rev.): POLITICS AMONG NATIONS, 6th ed. (Knopf)
Spanier: GAMES NATIONS PLAY, 7th ed. (Congressional Quarterly)
Vasquez: CLASSICS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, 2nd ed. (Prentice-Hall)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Two announced in-class tests will be given during the course of the semester. These tests will be given during regular class periods and will count for a total of 30% of the student's final grade. Any unexcused absence from a test will result in a grade of zero for that test. The scheduled dates for these tests are October 8 and November 12. A comprehensive final examination is scheduled for 2:00-5:00 p.m. on Dec. 9, 1991. The final exam will count for 30% of the student's final grade. In addition, there will be not fewer than three unannounced quizzes given during the course of the semester and at least two brief (not more than 3 pages each) take-home essay assignments. The average of these quiz grades will count for 15% of the student's final grade. The average of the brief essays will count for 15% of the student's final grade. Quizzes may be given on any scheduled class day. The remaining 10% of the student's final grade will be based upon the quality of that student's participation in class discussion. All examinations, tests, and quizzes are cumulative. The requirements listed above are comprehensive and inclusive--no "extra credit" will be allowed.

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MAKE-UP WORK:

An unexcused absence from any quiz, test or examination will result in the grade of zero for that quiz, test or examination.

ATTENDANCE:

Students are expected to attend class on a regular basis. Students are also expected to arrive for class on time. Students who are not in class are unable to participate in discussion and take quizzes. In addition, students who miss more than three classes will lose the benefit of the doubt in the calculation of his or her final grade.

HONOR CODE:

It is assumed that all students are aware of the Honor Code. The Honor Code is always in force!

ASSIGNMENTS:

A tentative outline of the class schedule for the entire semester is attached. Unless otherwise notified in class (or noted on the outline), students should complete the reading assignments for each chapter by the first day scheduled for discussion of the topic on the outline. For the purposes of quizzes, students are expected to have completed all readings by the first day they are due.

GRADES:

Oxford College's Optional Plus-Minus Grading Scale (as described on page 34 of the Catalog of Oxford College) will be used in determining grades for this class.

THE COURSE SYLLABUS PROVIDES A GENERAL PLAN FOR THE COURSE;
DEVIATIONS MAY BE NECESSARY.

Outline of the Class Schedule

Aug. 25:	Introduction
Aug. 27; Sept. 1:	Vasquez, Ch. 1 & 2 (Readings 1-7)
Sept. 3:	Vasquez, Ch. 3 (Readings 8, 9, 11)
Sept. 8:	Morgenthau, Ch. 1 & 2
Sept. 10, 15:	Morgenthau, Ch. 3-7
Sept. 17, 22:	Morgenthau, Ch. 8-14
Sept. 24, 29:	Morgenthau, Ch. 15-17
Oct. 1, 6:	Morgenthau, Ch. 18 & 19
Oct. 8:	TEST I
[Oct. 13:	Fall Break. NO CLASS.]
Oct. 15:	Vasquez, Ch. 5 (Readings 15-17)
Oct. 20, 22:	Spanier, Ch. 1-7
Oct 27, Oct. 29:	Spanier, Ch. 8-11
Nov. 3, 5:	Spanier, Ch. 12-15
Nov. 10:	Vasquez, Ch. 8 (Readings 28 & 29)
Nov. 12:	TEST II
Nov. 17, 19:	Vasquez, Ch. 11 & 12 (Readings 39, 41, 42, 44-46, 49)
Nov. 24:	Spanier, Ch. 17-18
[Nov. 26:	Thanksgiving Recess. NO CLASS. Review!]
Dec. 1, 3:	Morgenthau, Ch. 31-32; Spanier, Ch. 19; Summary and Conclusions
Dec. 9	FINAL EXAMINATION (2:00 PM)