

# Midterm 1 Review

POSC 1020 – Introduction to International Relations

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# Goal for Today

*Help you prepare for your upcoming midterm.*

# When is the First Midterm?

You will take the midterm this Thursday during class.

- The exam will be closed-book, closed-notes.
- You will have the full 75 minutes.

## **Don't be late.**

- I will leave the room if and when the last student has finished the exam early.
- If you are *that* late to class, you're S.O.L.

## **There will be *no* make-ups.**

- Academics are forever intolerant of weak excuses.

# What Will Midterm 1 Look Like?

You will have 50 multiple-choice and true/false questions.

- Essentially: ten questions per chapter.

**Follow instructions and make sure you're reading carefully.**

# The Material on the Midterm 1

Know the following from Appendix B and associated readings.

- What is a theory?
- What are independent/dependent variables?
- What's wrong with Morgenthau's theory of power?
- How do we evaluate assumptions?
- First principle of wing-walking
- How to do inference (i.e. don't select on the dependent variable, and others).
- Necessity and sufficiency
- Falsifiability
- Parsimony
- How to interpret a regression table

# Material from the Introduction Chapter

- Neorealism' argument about state behavior
- Motivations of leaders in the author's strategic approach
- Leader behavior in a strategic perspective
- The four puzzles of international politics
- Power in a strategic perspective

# Material from Chapter 1

- What best explains leader tenure in office?
- Winning coalition and selectorate
- Public goods and private goods
- What a loyalty norm communicates

# Material from Chapter 2

- The assumptions and predictions of median voter theorem
- Ideal points and single-peaked preferences
- Circular indifference curves and win sets
- The bargaining space (from our Iran-U.S. example in the chapter)



# Material from Chapter 3

- Nash equilibrium
- Subgame perfection
- Dominant strategy

Note: I'm going to give you a simple normal form game and reproduce the Iran-U.S. strategic interaction game from the book.

- Know how to solve these games.

# Conclusion

The midterm is on Thursday.

- There are **no** make-ups.
- Don't forget, and don't be late.

See you then.

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