

POL / IGS 141A INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS –abbreviated syllabus**Fall 2016; MWF 10:50–12:00 @Lindner Hall, Rm 210**

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Course Description

This course offers an introductory survey of the study of international relations. The main purpose of this course is to provide you with an introduction to international relations theory, help you to understand and think critically about world politics today. Relatedly, learning objectives of this course consist of providing basic knowledge about various specializations in international relations such as foreign policy analysis, international organization, and international political economy.

Required Materials

The following textbook will be used in this class, and is available at the University Bookstore:

- Grieco, Ikenberry, and Mastanduno. 2015. *Introduction to International Relations*. Palgrave.

Students will also purchase a subscription to Statecraft simulation (www.statecraftsim.com). Further readings may be added depending on progress in the course or current events.

Course Website

There is a Moodle website for this course: <https://moodle.elon.edu> For all Moodle related issues, please contact the Information Technology Help Desk at (336)-278-5200, or at servicedesk@elon.edu

Grading and Evaluation

The following standard levels will be used to determine the letter grade:

93%-100% = A	80%-82% = B-	67%-69% = D+
90%-92% = A-	77%-79% = C+	63%-66% = D
87%-89% = B+	73%-76% = C	60%-62% = D-
83%-86% = B	70%-72% = C-	59% and below = F

You may choose one of the following two assessment scales:

<i>Assessment scale Decide by</i>	A default	B Oct 31 st
First exam (Sept 26, Mon, in-class)	15%	15%
Second exam (Oct 28, Fri, in-class)	15%	15%
Final Exam (Dec 13, Tue @ 1pm, in-class)	20%	-
Content Quizzes	5 @ 2% each	5 @ 2% each
Geography Quizzes	5 @ 1% each	5 @ 1% each
Statecraft Simulation	15%	15%
Memos	8 @ 1% each	8 @ 1% each
Awards	5%	5%
Handbook Quiz (Oct 5, Wed, in-class)	2%	2%
Statecraft Paper	10%	10%
Chapter Exercises	-	4 @ 2% each
Annotated Bibliography	-	12%
Draft	-	2%
Final	-	10%
Participation	10%	10%

*** This is the abbreviated version of the course syllabus; a complete copy is available on Moodle. You can find detailed information about the course (description, readings, assignments and grading, as well as course policies) in the complete syllabus.

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Further Information about the Statecraft Simulation

Grading

Handbook quiz	2%
Memos 1% each	8%
Awards	5%

Below are the multiple awards your countries may earn; these total more than 5 points and as such anything else would be extra credit. Awards are further explained in the Statecraft manual.

- Historians' verdict award .5%
Awarded to any country that does not launch a first nuclear strike against another country.
- "Save the planet" award .5%
- Ending world hunger .5%
- Global peace award .5%
- Wiping out global terrorism .5%
- Habitat for humanity award .5%
- Wealthiest country .5%
- Safest country .5%
- Most educated country award .5%
- Healthiest country award .5%
- Sierra club trophy .5%
- Einstein trophy .5%
- Schwartzkopf medal .5%
- Quality of life award
1% for 70QOL
+0.75% at 200QOL
+1.25% at 350QOL
+2% at 600QOL

* Note that Statecraft-related grading in this course is not confined to this section. The quizzes and exams will include questions about Statecraft, as stated in your syllabus and will be outlined in class.

Rules of Conduct

You are required to act professionally and be respectful of your compatriots and also representatives of other countries. You can have strong policy disagreements without personal attacks. This will be strictly enforced, following the policies stated on this syllabus and the University's Code of Student Conduct. You are never allowed to engage in negotiations during lectures.

Procedures

To maintain the "shadow of the future," the exact number of turns is not announced. Likewise, there will be no announcements as to when a turn will end and another will start. Turn 0 is the "setup" turn, and then (most) other turns will last for about a week. Each country and its representatives are expected to closely monitor events in the Statecraft world.

In Turn 0, study the Statecraft world and your country's attributes (where it is, what are its resources, what are its demographics, etc.). Then, also think about the identit(y)ies that make(s) up your Country; think about its national history. Submit this by 8pm on October 6th.

One submission by the President, jointly prepared by all members. This document must be prepared in consultation with all the members of your country.

*Submit via email to Dr. Kesgin; name the file after your country.

Class Schedule

WEEK 1: Sept 1, 3

- Read Chapter 1, pp. 2-29 in *Grieco, Ikenberry, and Mastanduno* (GIM hereafter).
- Read the excerpt from Waltz, 1959 (on Moodle).

WEEK 2: Sept 5, 7, 9

- Read Chapter 2, pp. 32-69 in GIM.
- After you read the chapter, watch the authors of GIM talk about historical context:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=15&v=aJp-KWLX79M>

WEEK 3: Sept 12, 14, 16

- Read Realism in Chapter 3, pp. 70-78 (GIM).
- After you completed the reading, watch the video at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnKEFSVAiNQ>
- Read Liberalism in Chapter 3, pp. 79-86 (GIM).
- After you completed the reading, watch the video at
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZbDMUaqwE8>

WEEK 4: Sept 19, 21, 23

- Read Constructivism in Chapter 3, pp. 92-95 (GIM).
- After you completed the reading, watch the video at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYU9UfkV_XI
- Read Marxism and Feminism in Chapter 3, pp. 86-92 and 96-99 (GIM).
- Read the concluding discussion on theories of international relations, pp. 99-103 (GIM).
- Watch the authors of the textbook talk about theories of international relations:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I4Vxz12txq4>

WEEK 5: Sept 26, 28, 30

- Read Chapter 4, pp. 104-135 (GIM), and Dyson (2006) –on Moodle.

WEEK 6: Oct 3, 5, 7

- Read Chapter 5, pp. 138-173 (GIM), and Lind (2004) –on Moodle.
- Watch the authors of the textbook talk about nature of war:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVm1vPc5Bwk>

WEEK 7: Oct 10, 12, 14

- Read Chapter 6, pp. 174-205 (GIM), and Maoz and Russett (1993).
- Watch the authors of the textbook talk about international organizations:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mrx9TzFZ2FE>

WEEK 8: Oct 19, 21

No meeting on Oct 17: Fall Break.

- Read Chapter 7, pp. 206-243 (GIM).

WEEK 9: Oct 24, 26, 28

- Read Chapter 11, pp. 356-387 (GIM).

WEEK 10: Oct 31, Nov 2, 4

- Read Chapter 8, pp. 246-285 (GIM).

WEEK 11: Nov 7, 9, 11

- Read Chapter 9, pp. 286-317 (GIM).
- After you completed the reading, watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GP0SkXQ3pcE>

WEEK 12: Nov 14, 16, 18

- Read Chapter 10, pp. 318-353 (GIM).
No class, Nov 18: Dr. Kesgin is at the ISA-Midwest Annual Conference.

WEEK 13: Nov 21, 23, 25

No meetings: Thanksgiving Break.

WEEK 14: Nov 28, 30, and Dec 2

- Read Chapter 12, pp. 388-415 (GIM).

WEEK 15: Dec 5, 7, 9

- Read Chapter 13, pp. 416-453 (GIM).
- After you completed the reading, watch the videos at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sIJzyW2Nuw>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5r8duWb29lo>

WEEK 16: Finals

- Final Exam on Dec 13, Tuesday in Lindner 210 between 1pm and 4pm.
- Those who opted for Grading Scale B must attend the final exam meeting, bring a printed copy of the annotated bibliography assignment and submit it to Moodle by 4pm on Dec 13.

Miscellaneous

Please record the names and phone numbers/e-mail addresses of at least two other class members in case you have general questions on an assignment or want to form study groups.

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