

Political Science 145
Introduction to International Relations
Winter 2002

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Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 2:00-3:00

Course Description:

This class is a comprehensive introduction to the study of international relations and world politics. By design, we will cover a wide range of topics, including theories of war, conflict and peace, national power and vulnerability, terrorism, the international political economy of trade and finance, population, human rights, international organizations and the environment. This course will lay a foundation for students who wish to further their study of international relations. More importantly, this course will aid students in interpreting and understanding international affairs. There will be an emphasis on the Post-WWI period and current events.

Course Requirements:

There will be three examinations, based on map location of countries, multiple choice, and short answer questions. Material for the exams will be drawn from the textbook and lecture. If you do not attend lectures, be sure to get class notes from at least two people to assure complete coverage.

Exam 1	Wednesday, February 6	30%
Exam 2	Wednesday, February 27	35%
Final Exam	Monday, March 18, 3:30-5:18	35%

If an examination is missed, there must be documentation to support the claim a makeup examination is in order. In cases of undocumented makeup examinations, the exam will be all essay.

At the time of writing this syllabus, I do not know if the Political Science Department will be seeking undergraduate students as subjects of political psychology experiments. If they do, students can earn up to three points extra credit on their final grade (one point per experiment in which they participate).

Course Text:

Rourke, John T. 2001. *International Politics on the World Stage. 8th Edition.*

Class Schedule:

Week 1	January 7, 9.	Rourke Chapter 1
Week 2	January 14, 16	Rourke Chapters 2, 3
Week 3	January 21, 23	Rourke Chapter 4
Week 4	January 28, 30	Rourke Chapters 5, 6
Week 5	February 4, 6	Rourke Chapter 7, Examination 1
Week 6	February 11, 13	Rourke Chapters 8, 9, 10
Week 7	February 18, 20	Rourke Chapters 11, 12
Week 8	February 25, 27	Rourke Chapter 13, Examination 2
Week 9	March 4, 6	Rourke Chapters 14, 15, 16
Week 10	March 11, 13	Rourke Chapters 17, 18
Finals Week	March 18	Final Examination