

IR5551: Survey of International Relations (W-E)

Term 1, 2012-2013: 13 August – 14 October 2012 3 Credit Hours

Location: Osan AB, Korea

Meeting Times and Dates: 15-16 Sep., 13-14 Oct.

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Course Description

An introduction of the discipline of International Relations for graduate students; states, power, national interests, the security dilemma, instruments of foreign policy, challenges to sovereignty, international organizations, and globalization.

Course Objectives

After taking this course, students should understand the major theories of, and concepts within, International Relations; be able to discuss and analyze the fundamental issues involved in international security and international economics; explain the role of international institutions in cooperation and conflict; and demonstrate the ability to write at the graduate level.

Required Texts

- Snyder, Jack L. and Karen Mingst, eds. Essential Readings in World Politics, 4th ed. (W.W. Norton & Co., 2010). ISBN: 9780393935349
- Mingst, Karen A. and Ivan M. Arreguin-Toft, Essentials of International Relations, 5th ed. (W.W. Norton & Co., 2010). ISBN 9780393935295

Additional assigned readings will be available electronically through TROY library databases.

Course Requirements

Students are expected to keep up with the readings and to communicate regularly with the instructor. Students should obtain a TROY e-mail account and check it regularly as this will be the means of providing notice of assignment changes, class cancellations, or other matters outside of class. All dates and times in this syllabus refer to local time in Okinawa, Japan (GMT +0900).

A. Exams

There will be two exams in this course. The midterm exam will count for 30% of the course grade. The final exam will count for 30% of the course grade. Both exams will be in class exams, consisting of multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions. Exams will include material covered in the readings and in class.

B. Critical Thought Papers

There will be a series of three critical thought papers that will each account for 10% of the course grade, for a total of 30% of the course grade. Detailed paper instructions will be provided. Papers are due as noted below; late papers will lose ten points per 24 hour period late.

Paper #1 is due NLT 2100, August 26, 2012.
Paper #2 is due NLT 2100, September 9, 2012.
Paper #3 is due NLT 2100, September 30, 2012.

C. Reading Summaries

Students will provide summaries of each week's readings (other than those in the Mingst & Arreguin book) by the last day of the week as listed below in the course schedule. For example, summaries for week 1 are due Aug. 19, 2012; summaries for week 2 are due Aug. 26, 2012. Together, the summaries will account for 10% of the course grade. Summaries should briefly identify the main concepts and arguments in each work assigned. The purpose of summaries is to have students actively process the ideas in the readings and articulate them in their own words, as well as to build a ready study resource for both this class and comprehensive exams. Summaries may be written informally, using bullet points or other abbreviated style. The appropriate length of summaries will vary depending on the amount of material assigned.

Grading Policy

90 - 100 A	70 - 79 C	0 - 59 F
80 - 89 B	60 - 69 D	

Americans with Disabilities Act

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<http://www.troy.edu/humanresources/ADAPolicy2003.htm>

Academic Honesty

By their enrollment, students are responsible for following the "Standards of Conduct" as they apply in the Troy University Pacific Region. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with these guidelines and to comply therewith. Cheating or plagiarism will result in an F for the course, will be reported to appropriate officials, and may subject the student to further discipline from the University. The instructor uses on-line software to help detect plagiarism. Please note that no assignment prepared for or submitted in a different course may be used in this course without prior approval of the instructor.

Library Resources

Students can access online information resources through Troy Library Services home page at <https://www.library.troy.edu> These resources include a variety of full text databases that provide complete article texts from thousands of journals, magazines and newspapers. Among the most helpful databases are JSTOR, Academic Search Complete, and Lexis-Nexis. Remote access is available via the student's Troy User ID and Password. Specific help for Global Campus students, including a dedicated librarian, is available at <https://www.uclibrary.troy.edu/>

Course Schedule

Week 1 (Aug. 13 - 19) Course Introduction

Reading: Mingst, Ch. 1-2; Snyder, Ch. 1-2

John Lewis Gaddis, "International Relations Theory and the End of the Cold War," International Security 17, no. 3 (Winter 1992-93): 5-58. (Available in JSTOR)

Week 2 (Aug. 20 - 26) Theories of International Relations

Paper #1 Due 8/26

Reading: Mingst, Ch. 3; Snyder, Ch. 3

Joseph S. Nye, Jr., "Review: Neorealism and Neoliberalism," World Politics 40, no. 2 (January 1988): 235-51. (Available in JSTOR)

Week 3 (Aug. 27 – Sep. 2) The System, The State

Reading: Mingst, Ch. 4-5; Snyder, Ch. 4-5

Week 4 (Sep. 3 - 9) The Individual

Paper #2 Due 9/9

Reading: Mingst, Ch. 6; Snyder, Ch. 6

Week 5 (Sep. 10 - 16) Diplomacy and International Law

Reading: Mingst, Ch. 7; Snyder, Ch. 7

Saturday, September 15

Course Introduction

Graduate Writing

Theories of IR

Actors in IR

Sunday, September 16

Diplomacy

International Law

MIDTERM EXAM

Week 6 (Sep. 17 – 23) Conflict

Reading: Mingst, Ch. 8; Snyder, Ch. 8

Week 7 (Sep. 24 – 30) International Political Economy

Paper # 3 Due 9/30

Reading: Mingst, Ch. 9; Snyder, Ch. 9

Helen V. Milner, "The Political Economy of International Trade," Annual Review of Political Science (1999): 91-114. (Available in Academic Search Complete)

Week 8 (Oct. 1 – 7) Transnational Issues

Reading: Mingst, Ch. 10; Snyder, Ch. 10

Marc A. Levy, "Is the Environment a National Security Issue?" International Security 20, no. 2 (Autumn 1995): 35-62. (Available in JSTOR)

Week 9 (Oct. 8 – 14) Review & Final Exam

Saturday, October 13

Reasons for conflict
Types of conflict
Resolving conflict
International trade
International finance

Sunday, October 14

International development
Review
FINAL EXAM

Note: The above schedule, readings and procedures in this course are subject to change.