

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**  
**PSCI 3328**  
**Fall 2014**

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**Course Information**

Course Number/Section: PSCI 3328/001  
Course Title: International Relations  
Term: Fall 2014  
Days & Times: Tues. & Thurs. 2:30pm – 3:45pm  
Location: JO 3.516

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**Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites and/or Other Restrictions**

There are no pre-requisites to this course. It is a survey course intended as a first exposure to international relations and global politics. However, the readings and lectures assume that you have taken at least one course in political science or government.

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**Course Description**

The course surveys the field of international relations by introducing key concepts, guiding theories and analytic strategies for interpreting transnational interactions. It explores the structure of the international system, the relations between states, and the behavior of state and non-state actors at the global level. Subjects covered include international security, geopolitics, international organizations, international political economy, international law, global environmental issues, north-south relations and globalization. Historical and contemporary global power relations are examined and issues of transnational importance are introduced.

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**Student Learning Objectives**

The primary purpose of this course is to examine patterns of international behavior for a broad set of issues. It provides a foundation for more specialized courses in international politics. Our objectives will be to:

- Understand key approaches and analytic strategies for interpreting and understanding current and historical world events
  - Identify key actors and behaviors associated with addressing global challenges
  - Demonstrate ability to think critically and communicate effectively about the interactional affairs
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**Textbooks and Materials**

### *Required*

- Goldstein, Joshua S. and Jon C. Pevehouse. 2013-2014. *International Relation*/ 10<sup>th</sup> Edition. Pearson. Hard Copy ISBN: 9780205971367. Digital Copy ISBN: 9780205971541
- Additional required readings will be posted on the course eLearning site.

### *General Reference Recommendation*

- Griffith, Martin, Terry O'Callaghan, and Stephen Roach. 2007. *International Relations: The Key Concepts*. Routledge. ISBN: 0415774373

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## **Grading Policy**

Grades will be determined by performance on the following:

Exam 1	20%
Exam 2	20%
Final Exam	45%
Quizzes (3 of 5)	15% (5% each)

Exam 1 & 2: The two mid-term exams will include a mix of multiple choice, true/false and short answers. If, for any reason, you miss *one* of the exams your grade will be replaced with the grade you receive on the comprehensive final exam. Mid-term exams will be held on Thursdays (Oct. 2 & Oct. 30) following a preceding Tuesday review of the material.

Final Exam: The comprehensive final exam will include a mix of multiple choice, true/false, and short answers. It will cover the entire course, including readings, lectures and the material covered by the previous exams and quizzes.

Quizzes: Five class sessions will start with a 10-minute quiz of ~10 questions. Your grade will include only your top 3 scores, dropping the lowest 2 scores. There will be no makeups. If you miss a quiz it will count as a low score. Quizzes will be announced one class period in advance and test only material previously covered in readings and lectures.

Course letter grades will be assigned as follows:

A+	= 97% or greater	C+	= 77-79%
A	= 93-96%	C	= 73-76%
A -	= 90-92%	C-	= 70-72%
B+	= 87-89%	D	= 65-69%
B	= 83-86%	F	= 64% and lower
B-	= 80-82%		

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## Course Calendar

The following calendar outlines the topics covered each week and the textbook chapters that you will be responsible for reading, including several posted on eLearning. Additional readings may be assigned as necessary. It is best practice to complete the readings before the start of the week. In doing so, the lectures can be used to clarify and refine your understanding of the material.

### **Week 1 (Aug. 26 & 28) – Course Overview and Key Concepts**

- Aug. 26 - Syllabus Overview
- Aug. 28 - Introduction and Discussion of Key Concepts
- Readings - Chp. 1 [G&P]

### **Week 2 (Sept. 2 & 4) – Theories of International Relations**

- Readings - Chp 2. [G&P]

### ***Last Day to Drop Class Without “W” – September 10***

### **Week 3 (Sept. 9 & 11) – Theories of International Relations**

- Readings - Chp 3. [G&P]

### **Week 4 (Sept. 16 & 18) – Geopolitics**

- Readings - Chp 21 and 22 [Glassner & Fahrer - eLearning]

### **Week 5 (Sept. 23 & 25) – International Conflict**

- Readings - Chp. 5 [G&P]

### **Week 6 (Sept. 30 & Oct. 2) - Exam 1 Week**

- Sept. 30 - Exam Review
- ***Oct. 2 - Exam 1***

### **Week 7 (Oct. 7 & 9) – International Organizations**

- Chp. 7 [G&P]

### **Week 8 (Oct. 14 & 16) – International Law**

- Chp. 1 & 2 [Malanczuk - eLearning]

### **Week 9 (Oct. 21 & 23) – Foreign Policy**

- Chp. 4 [G&P],

### **Week 10 (Oct. 28 & 30) – Exam 2 Week**

- Oct. 28 - Exam Review
- ***Oct. 30 - Exam 2***

### **Week 11 (Nov. 4 & 6) – International Political Economy**

- Chp. 8 & 9 [G&P]

**Week 12 (Nov. 11 & 13) – International Development**

- Chp. 13 [G&P]

**Week 13 (Nov. 18 & 20) - Globalization**

- Readings - Chp 1 [Steger - eLearning], Reread Chp. 1 [G&P]

**Week 14 (Nov. 25 & 27) – NO CLASS – FALL BREAK**

**Week 15 (Dec. 2 & 4) – Course Recap/Contemporary Global Challenges**

- Readings to TBD

**Week 16 (Dec. 9) – Final Exam**

- Final Exam Review

***Final Exam - Dec. 16, 2:00 - 4:45 pm***

**University Policies and Procedures**

All University policies and procedures also apply to this course. They may be found at:  
<http://coursebook.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies/>

***The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.***