

Theory and Practice of International Relations

GVT 261

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Suffolk University

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Class Location: Archer 462A
Office Hours: M/W 9:50-11:00am
Or by appointment

1. Course Description:

Welcome to the Theory and Practice of International Relations! This course is designed to serve several groups of students as it is:

- one of the required principal courses for International Affairs (Track D)
- a Political Science Core course
- a Social Science divisional distribution course

This course is designed to introduce you with a basic understanding of the behavior of states and other actors in today's world, introduce key global issues, give an overview of global economics, and acquaint you with some classic writings on international relations.

2. Structure of the Course:

This course is not intended simply as a survey of the modern world. In the first part of the course, we will address the theories and tools which international relations students and scholars use to evaluate the subject. The course will also contain an overview of international relations history as a means of understanding the development of those theories, as well as the evolution of the international system today.

In the second part of the course, we will address primary source material from early and modern writers on international relations. As a result, this course will provide those hoping to continue their work in the subject of international relations the necessary tools to advance their studies, and will provide everyone an understanding of relevant topics in the discipline. The lectures will offer us an opportunity to discuss the readings and work collaboratively toward understanding the subject.

3. Readings:

Required Readings:

- * Steven L. Spiegel, Elizabeth G. Matthews, Jennifer M. Taw and Kristen P. Williams, *World Politics in a New Era*, 4th Edition (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2009) ISBN-10: 0195336550
- * Michael T. Corgan, *Classics of International Relations*, Penguin Custom Editions, 2007 (Produced for this course) ISBN-10: 0536143595

Recommended Readings:

- Graham Evans and Richard Newnham, *The Penguin Dictionary of International Relations* (London and New York: Penguin Press, 1999) ISBN-10: 0140513973
- Thomas Oatley, *International Political Economy*, 4th Edition. (Longman, 2009) ISBN-10: 0205723772

In addition to the required texts, I will be assigning you supplementary articles or chapters from edited volumes. These will be available through online journals or the course website (TBA) in PDF format.

You must also read a reputable daily newspaper and a weekly journal that covers international news since you will be participating in the classroom discussions on current affairs and be tested on your knowledge of important current events at each examination. **The New York Times** is the leading paper on domestic topics and is available at student rates. **The Wall Street Journal** and **The Financial Times** are also outstanding newspapers with extensive foreign coverage. For weekly news journals, I most highly recommend reading **The Economist**, also available at student rates. As class exercise, one student will be designated to bring a newspaper article covering a current event to what we are scheduled to discuss in class on the particular day. The student will present in front of class a summary of the article in no more than two minutes. No written product is required. A bonus credit will be given to students who present articles.

4. Course Website: TBA

Please check the course website of the Suffolk University Blackboard regularly for course announcements, course documents, and assignments.

http://suffolk.blackboard.com/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp?tab_id= 2_1&url=%2Fwebapps%2Fblackboard%2Fexecute%2Flauncher%3Ftype%3DCourse%26id%3D_41387_1%26url%3D

5. Course Requirements: Grading Factors and Policies

Grading Factors and Schedules:

Attendance	Regular	10%
In-Class Exam I	Monday, September 28, 09:00-09:50AM	20%
In-Class Exam II	Monday, November 02, 09:00-09:50AM	20%
In-Class Exam III	Monday, November 23, 09:00-09:50AM	20%
Final Exam	Tuesday, December 15 from 08:00-09:50AM	30%

Requirements: You are required to attend all lectures **and** review sessions. Review sessions are held to make up for the themes that were not covered in class due to insufficient time during the regular course schedule. You should regard them as lectures as they are not simply just a review of previous classes, and attendance is imperative for a successful grade on your In-Class examinations. **You will take 4 examinations in total**

(3 In-Class Exams and one Final Exam). You must do assigned readings **prior to** the class for which they are listed, participate in class discussions and take the exams as scheduled. There will absolutely be no accommodation for end of year or holiday travel plans.

In-class Examinations: 3 In-class exams will be held to check and help your understanding of the course materials. They will primarily consist of multiple choice and short answer questions regarding the material covered in previous classes. In-class exams are non-cumulative.

Final Examination: One Final Exam will be held at the end of the course to examine your comprehensive understanding of the materials covered throughout the semester. The Final Exam consists of 1) multiple choice questions (non-cumulative), 2) short-answer questions (cumulative), and 3) long-essay questions (cumulative). According to the Suffolk University academic calendar for final exams, it is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 15 from 08:00-09:50AM** at 462A Archer Building. ***NOTE: If you cannot attend this exam, DO NOT take this course.***

Policy on Missed Exams: Make-up exams will not be given. If you miss an exam because of University-sponsored functions, major religious holidays, or documented illness or medical condition, the in-class exams you do take will receive a weight of 30% each. If you miss an exam and have no valid excuse, you will be considered to have failed the exam (with no **EXCEPTION**). University procedures cover most circumstances under which a student is to be given a make-up Final Exam, (e.g., 3 exams on one day), but otherwise it is my discretion as to whether or not merit you a make-up Final Exam and to impose any penalties where necessary.

Absences: Absences are excused when there is, in my judgment, a valid reason. If you are ill, you will need a medical professional's written excuse for two or more consecutive absences. If you are absent because of a University approved function, you will need a written statement. *Students who miss more than 6 classes without a valid excuse will receive a failing grade.* Absences will measurably affect your grade and may cause you to be withdrawn from the course. As the College requires, I will take attendance at **every** lecture.

Dropping the Class: Students may withdraw from the class **without a grade of "W"** until Tuesday October 6 and **without penalty of a "F"** Grade until Friday November 6.

Incompletes: The Suffolk University policy on incomplete grades is very specific and I will follow it in all cases. Note that a written contract is required prior to registering a grade of "incomplete".

Instructor Contact (Office Hours and E-mail contact): I am available to talk to you at the times specified in my office hours, which will be right after class on Mondays and Wednesdays. I invite you to use these times to ask questions on things that are not clear to you. Chances are they may not be clear to others as well. Such questions often raise issues whose clarification at a following lecture benefits the entire class. I respond to all e-mails as promptly as I can. If I have not responded to your e-mail, you should not

assume I have seen it. Brief e-mail communications are good for arranging meetings or asking for a point of clarification on lectures or readings, but will not be used as a substitute for discussions appropriate to office hours (e.g., alternative views of IR matters or of personal issues).

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism: Students will observe the honor code of Suffolk University. Any evidence of academic dishonesty or plagiarism will result in a failing grade and notification of college officials. All work during exams is to be your own without assistance from any notes, electronic device of any kind, or other persons.

Course Schedule: Topics and Readings

(*: Required Readings -: Recommended Readings)

	Topic and Readings	Notes
PART I – FOUNDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS		
Week I Sep 7 (M)	LABOR DAY (NO CLASS)	
Sep 9 (W)	Introduction to Course Expectations Overview of the Course	
Sep 11 (F)	Theory and World Politics On the study of International Relations * Spiegel et al., Ch.1, pp.3-17	
Week II Sep 14 (M)	Theories of World Politics Levels of Analysis * Spiegel et al., Ch. 1, pp.3-17, Ch. 2, pp. 19-34	Last Day to Add/Late Register for Fall 2009 Courses Online
Sep 16 (W)	Theoretical paradigms Realism, Liberalism and Constructivism * Spiegel et al., Ch. 2, pp. 34-51	
Sep 18 (F)	World Politics and Economics I: 1648-1945 History of present system: the struggle for hegemony, the quest for peace * Spiegel et al., Ch. 3, pp. 57-105 - Oatley, Ch.1, pp.1-20	
Week III Sep 21 (M)	World Politics and Economics II: 1946-1989 The Cold War and its impact on international affairs * Spiegel et al., Ch. 4, pp. 109-153 - Oatley, Ch.1, pp.1-20 (review)	Last Day for Fall 2009 Course Add/Changes / Late Registration with permission
Sep 23 (W)	Imperialism and its Victims The Rise and Fall of empires and their impact on the world today * Spiegel et al., Ch. 5, pp. 155-199	
Sep 25 (F)	Globalization and Fragmentation Contemporary issues *Spiegel et al., Ch.6, pp. 201-233	
PART II– ISSUES IN WORLD POLITICS		
Week IV Sep 28 (M)	In-Class Exam I	Non-Cumulative
Sep 30 (W)	Security Theory and Practice Definition of security, measurements of power, strategies, disarmament	

	*Spiegel et al., Ch.7, pp. 237-291	
Oct 2 (F)	Contemporary Security Issues Terrorism, proliferation, internal wars and intervention, transnational crime *Spiegel et al., Ch. 8, pp.293-335	
Week V Oct 5 (M)	World Politics: Trade and Investment Trade (costs and benefits), capital markets, FDI, economics as politics *Spiegel et al., Ch. 9., pp.337-379 - Oatley, Ch. 4, pp.71-93.	Last day to Drop without a “W”
Oct 7 (W)	World Politics: Development Prospects for Human and Social Development *Spiegel et al., Ch. 10, pp. 381-423	
Oct 9 (F)	Review Session 1	
Week VI Oct 12 (M)	Human Issues: Demographic Trends Population, Migration and Global health issues *Spiegel et al., Ch. 11, pp. 431-465	
Oct 14 (W)	Resource Issues: Environment, Food, Energy, and Global Warming Environment, Water, Food, Energy, Global Warming/Climate Change *Spiegel et al., Ch. 12, pp. 467-507 -Chasek et al., ‘The Development of Environmental Regimes: Eleven Case Studies’ in <i>Global Environmental Politics</i> , 4 th ed., Ch.3, pp. 97-196 (PDF on campus cruiser)	
Oct 16 (F)	Review Session 2	
Week VII Oct 19 (M)	Global Governance I: The Sources and Areas of International Law International Economic Law, The Law of the Sea, Human Rights Law *Spiegel et al., Ch. 13, pp. 509-524	
Oct 21 (W)	Global Governance II: International Organizations (IOs) The UN System, The UN Security Council, War and Peacekeeping *Spiegel et al., Ch. 13, pp. 524-543 -David Malone, ‘Introduction’ in <i>The UN Security Council: From the Cold War to the 21st Century</i> , Ch. 1, pp.1-15 (PDF on campus cruiser)	
Oct 23 (F)	Review Session 3	
Week VIII Oct 26 (M)	Global Governance III: Economic IGOs Keystone Economic International Organizations: WTO, IMF, IBRD *Spiegel et al., Ch. 13, pp. 543-559 - Oatley, Ch. 2, pp. 21-45	
Oct 28 (W)	Global Governance IV: Regional Integration & Economic Development Regionalism, Economic Integration in Europe and the East Asian Model *Karen Mingst, ‘International Political Economy’, in <i>Essentials of International Relations</i> , 4 th ed, Ch.9, 247-285. (PDF on campus cruiser) - Oatley, Ch.7, pp. 137-163	
Oct 30 (F)	Review Session 4	
PART III– CLASSICS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS		
Week IX Nov 2 (M)	In Class Exam II	Non-Cumulative
Nov 4 (W)	Classical Greek Thought: Aristotle, Aristophanes, Thucydides *The Western World, pp. 1-46	

Nov 6 (F)	Human Nature & the Modern State: Machiavelli, Hobbes *The Western World, pp. 47-63	Last Day to Drop w/out F
Week X Nov 9 (M)	Clausewitz and the Nature of War *The Western World, pp. 64-77	
Nov 11 (W)	NO CLASS (Holiday)	Veterans Day
Nov 13 (F)	Review Session 5	
Week XI Nov 16 (M)	Marx and the Role of Economics in History: Marx & Engels, Lenin, Wallerstein *The Western World, pp. 78-119	
Nov 18 (W)	Liberalism and the Modern State: Wilson, Waltz *The Western World, pp. 120-148	
Nov 20 (F)	Review Session 6	
Week XII Nov 23 (M) Nov 25 (W) Nov 27 (F)	In-Class Exam III NO CLASS NO CLASS	Non-Cumulative Thanksgiving Recess
Week XIII Nov 30 (M)	World Structure Today I: Fukuyama, Huntington *The Western World, pp. 150-188	
Dec 2 (W)	World Structure Today II: Mahbubani *The Western World, pp. 190-201	
Dec 4 (F)	Review Session 7	
Week XIV Dec 7 (M)	Feminism and Other Alternative Views: Tickner *The Western World, pp. 202-209	
Dec 9 (W)	Summary and Outlook on the Future *Spiegel et al., Ch.14, pp. 561-583	Dec 10 (Thu): Last Day of Classes
Dec 11 (F)	Semester Review Session for Final Exam (Optional)	Final Lecture
Dec 15 (T)	Final Exam	08:00-09:50AM 462A Archer
Dec 21 (M)	Grades Due to Registrar (12:00 noon)	