

Louisiana State University
Department of Political Science

POLI 4048-2: International Conflict and Cooperation
Fall 2010
Course Syllabus

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Course Description: The purpose of this course is to enable students to improve their understanding and analytical skills of international conflict and cooperation. From Thucydides to Kant, classical and modern thinkers attempted to develop concepts, frameworks and theories to offer solutions to the question of ‘conflict’ in international system in order to create an enduring peace based on “cooperation” among nations. In this sense, the emphasis of this course is on various theoretical frameworks not specifically current events. However, after an introduction of grand theories in International Relations, we will discuss several topics in International Conflict and Cooperation, such as alliances, deterrence, interdependence, crisis bargaining, as well as more specific theories, such as democratic peace. We will conclude our course with a discussion about the visions of future and the ethics of war.

Course Readings : There is no required textbook for this course. There are several research articles and book chapters provided through Moodle.

In addition to the assigned readings, students are expected to follow the current events in international politics; The New York Times Available online at www.nyt.com, The Economist Available online at www.economist.com and BBC News online at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>

Students who study foreign languages are strongly suggested to visit news websites from other countries, such as Le Monde, El País or Der Spiegel.

Grading : Participation → 10%
Three in-class quizzes → 20%
In-class Midterm exam → 35% (Thursday, October 14, 2010)
In-class Final exam → 35% (Monday, December 6, 2010)

(Lowest grade of Quiz 1, Quiz 2, Quiz 3 is dropped. Each Quiz is worth 10%).

Grade Scale → A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (60-69), F (below 60)

Exams : Midterm exams will include the material covered until the exam. **Midterm exam will include multiple choice questions.** Content for the exams includes all readings and class discussions. **Final exam is not comprehensive.** The structure of the final exam will be **very similar to the midterm exam.**

Makeup Exams: There is no make-up exam. The lowest grade of Quiz 1, Quiz 2, Quiz 3 is dropped. Thus, if you miss an exam, your missed exam grade will be dropped. **There is no exception to this rule.**

Participation : Throughout this course, there will be material unique to class discussion. In terms of the exams, all that we cover in the class will be included. I also find it easier to learn together in the class and review on your own. Some preparation before the class will make this learning experience more beneficial. A better preparation before the class and active participation during the class will help you in your own reviews. Please take advantage of learning in the class by attending each and every class. Trying to learn on your own after a missed class will be much harder.

Communication: Moodle will be used *extensively* for all homework assignments, grades and announcements. It is your responsibility in this class to follow all announcements, course documents, homework assignments and deadlines. Please log-in to Moodle frequently. E-mail communication is also important. Please note that you need to use your LSU email address.

Academic Integrity: “All academic work will be done by the student to whom it is assigned without unauthorized data or help of any kind. A student who supplies another with such data or help is considered deserving of the same sanctions as the recipient. Specifically, cheating, plagiarism, and misrepresentation are prohibited”. For detailed information please refer to LSU undergraduate bulletin.

Accommodation: A student with a disability that qualifies for accommodations should contact Office of Disability Services. A student wishing to receive test accommodations (e.g., extended test time) should provide the instructor with an official Accommodation Form from Disability Services in advance of the scheduled test date. <http://appl003.lsu.edu/slas/ods.nsf/index>

August 24, 2010: Class Introduction

August 26, 2010 - August 31, 2010: Theoretical and Methodological Foundations of International Politics

- Walt, Stephen M. 1998. "International Relations: One World, Many Theories" *Foreign Policy*, No. 110, Special Edition: *Frontiers of Knowledge* (Spring, 1998), pp. 29-32+34-46
- Singer, David J. 1961. "The Level-of-Analysis Problem in International Relations" *World Politics* 14(1): 77 – 92

September 2, 2010 - September 7, 2010: Realism

- Mearsheimer, John. 2002. *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*. W. W. Norton
 - Read Chapter 1: Introduction and Chapter 2: Anarchy and Struggle for Power
- Waltz, Kenneth, 1988. "The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory" *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 18(4): 615-628

September 9, 2010: Liberalism

- Doyle, Michael W. 1986. "Liberalism and World Politics" *American Political Science Review* 80(4)" 1151-1169

September 14, 2010 - September 16, 2010: The Distribution of Power: Theories on Power Transition and Hegemonic Stability

- Blainey, Geoffrey. 1988. *The Causes of War*, New York: Free Press
 - Read Chapter 8: "The Abacus of Power"
- Gilpin, Robert, 1981. *War and Change in World Politics*. Cambridge University Press
 - Read Chapter 5: "Hegemonic War and International Change"

September 21, 2010 - September 23, 2010: Crisis Bargaining

- Fearon, James D. 1995. "Rationalist Explanations for War" *International Organization* 49(3): 379-414
- Fearon, James D. 1997. "Signaling Foreign Policy Interests" *Tying Hands versus Sinking Costs*" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 4-1 (1): 68-90

September 28, 2010 – September, 30, 2010: Deterrence

- Schelling, Thomas 1966. *Arms and Influence*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press
 - Read Chapter 2: The Art of Commitment
- Danilovic, Vesla 2002. *When The Stakes Are High: Deterrence and Conflict among Major Powers*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press
 - Read Chapter 1: "Introduction" and Chapter 3: "Deterrence and Conflict"

October 5, 2010 - October 7, 2010: Alliances and War

- Snyder, Glenn H. 1984. "The Security Dilemma in Alliance Politics" *World Politics* 36(4) 461-495
- Walt, Stephen M. 1985. "Alliance Formation and the Balance of World Power" *International Security* 9(4): 3-43

October 12, 2010: Review

October, 14, 2010: Midterm

October 19, 2010: Interdependence

- Keohane, Robert and Joseph Nye, 1977. Power and Interdependence 3rd Edition. Addison-Wesley
 - Read Chapter 1: Interdependence in World Politics and Chapter 2: Realism and Complex Interdependence

October, 21, 2010: Fall Holiday

October 26, 2010 - October 28, 2010: Democratic Peace & Critiques of Democratic Peace

- Russett, Bruce and John Oneal. 2001. Triangulating Peace: Democracy, Interdependence and International Organizations. New York, N.Y: W.W.Norton
 - Read Chapter 2: "From Democratic Peace to Kantian Peace"
- Mansfield, Edward D. and Jack Snyder. 1995. "Democratization and the Danger of War" International Security 20 (1):5-38

November 2, 2010 - November 4, 2010: International Institutions

- Keohane, Robert, 1988 "International Institutions: Two Approaches" International Studies Quarterly 32(4):379 - 396
- Duffield, John, 2007 "What Are International Institutions?" International Studies Review (2007) 9, pp. 1-22

November 9, 2010 - November 11, 2010: Terrorism

- Cronin, Audrey, Kurth 2002/2003. "Behind the Curve: Globalization and International Terrorism" International Security 27(3): 30-58
- Pape, Robert 2003. "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism" American Political Science Review 97(3): 343-363

November 16, 2010 - November 18, 2010: Ethics of War: "Just War" Theory

- Skidelsky, Robert 2004. "The Just War Tradition" Prospect, December 2004
- Myers, Robert J. 1996. "Notes on the Just War Theory: Whose Justice, Which Wars?" Ethics and International Affairs 10(1):115-130

November 23, 2010 : Visions of Future

- Fukuyama, Francis, 1989 "The End of History" National Interest 16(1989) pp. 3-18
- Huntington, Samuel, 1993 "The Clash of Civilization" Foreign Affairs 72(3): 22-49
- Barber, Benjamin, 1992 "Jihad vs. Mc World" Atlantic Magazine, March 1992

November 25, 2010: Thanksgiving holiday

November 23, 2010: Visions of Future (cont.)

December 2, 2010: Review

Final examination December 6, 2010 5.30 – 7.30 p.m.