

CAS IR/PO 271  
INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Semester I - Fall 2007  
Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 - 9:30 AM  
Morse Auditorium

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is meant to serve several groups of students as it is:

- one of the required principal courses for International Relations concentrators in CAS
- a Political Science Core course
- a Social Science divisional distribution course
- an approved elective for COM students

This course is designed to provide 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.

The course is presented in lectures and in discussion sections:

- Lectures on Tuesday and Thursday provide an analytic framework, amplify readings, and provide material **additional** to the readings.
- Discussion sections meet each week on Friday and are led by Teaching Fellows. Sections provide an opportunity to discuss concepts of the course and get detailed answers to particular questions.

REQUIREMENTS

You are required to attend both lectures and discussion sections. Attendance at lectures and discussions sections is a graded factor. You must do assigned readings **prior to** the class for which they are listed and take **In class Examinations** and the **Final Examination** when these are scheduled. Reminder: the Final Exam is scheduled for **Monday, December 17 from 12:30-2:30 PM (1230-1430)**.. There will be absolutely no accommodation for end of year or holiday travel plans. ***If you cannot attend this exam, do not take this course.***

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. Note that TFs will, at their discretion, conduct quizzes during Discussion Sections. University policy states that students "excessively absent" may be required to withdraw from the course "without credit." I consider that more than eight absences from lectures and discussion groups for any reason is excessive. Absences will **measurably** affect your grade and may cause you to be withdrawn from the course. As the College requires, we take attendance at lecture and discussion sections.

### GRADING FACTORS AND SCHEDULES

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| Sections/Attendance | Continuous          | 10% |
| In class Exam I     | Thursday, Sep 27    | 20% |
| In class Exam II    | Tuesday, Oct 30     | 20% |
| In class Exam III   | Thursday, Nov 29    | 20% |
| Final Examination   | Monday, December 17 | 30% |

All work during exams is to be your own without assistance from any notes, electronic device of any kind, or other persons. Refer to the CAS Standards of Academic Conduct for complete guidance on this matter.

### POLICY ON MISSED EXAMS

#### **In-class Exams**

Make-up exams will not normally 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, the in class-exams you do take will be weighted at 26% each .

#### **Final Examinations.**

University procedures cover most circumstances under which a student is to be given a make-up Final Examination, e.g., three exams on one day, but otherwise it my discretion as to whether or not you merits a make-up Final Examination and what penalty, if any to impose.

### DROPPING THE CLASS

Students may withdraw from the class **without** a "W" until Tuesday October 9 and **with** a "W" until Friday, November 9.

### INCOMPLETES

The College 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."

## REQUIRED TEXTS

There are two texts for this course. Both are required. They are available at the Bookstore and Kegley is also available elsewhere. Neither will be on reserve at the library.

*World Politics: Trend and Transformation*, 11<sup>th</sup> Ed. Charles W. Kegley, Jr. Boston, 2007-2008 Update.

*Classics of International Relations*. Penguin Custom Editions. 2007.

In addition to the required texts, you must read a reputable daily newspaper that covers international news since at **each** examination you will be tested on your knowledge of important current events. The *New York Times* remains the best of the American papers and is available at student rates. You should also read a weekly news journal. I recommend the *Economist* which is also available at student rates, though still expensive. Look for online sources as well.

## WEB SITE

A web site will be up shortly after the course begins. I will advise you when it is available.

## INSTRUCTOR CONTACT

We are available to talk to you at the times we specify in our office hours and invite you to use these times to ask questions on things which 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. If there is time, I will answer brief or simple questions after class but remember that another large class is using Morse auditorium immediately afterward. Discussion of alternative views of IR matters or of personal issues cannot be accommodated after class. We will be happy to discuss such things at office hours.

## E MAIL CONTACT

I respond to all e-mails as promptly as I can, almost always within 24 hours. If I have not responded to your e-mail, you should not assume I have seen it. This medium is very good for brief communications, e.g. 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. Please use IR/PO271 in your subject line. I **never** open attachments I am not expecting (nor should you).

## CLASS SCHEDULE/ASSIGNED READINGS

### **PART I - APPROACHES, ACTORS, ISSUES**

Week I

Sep 4

**Introduction to Course**

Expectations  
Overview of the course

Sep 6

**Exploring XXIst Century World Politics**

Theories, levels of analysis, actors, key terms  
Kegley, Chapter 1

Week II

Sep 11

**Theories of World Politics**

Liberalism, Realism, some alternatives  
Kegley, Chapter 2

Sep 13

**Foreign Policy Decision-making**

Determinants, rational choice, bureaucracies, leaders  
Kegley, Chapter 3

Week III

Sep 18

**Great Power Rivalries and Relations**

History of present system, great power politics today  
Kegley, chapter 4

Sep 20

**The Global South in a World of Powers**

Origin of South's plight, underdevelopment, South's foreign relations  
Kegley, Chapter 5

Week IV

Sep 25

**Non-state Actors in a System of States**

Inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations  
Kegley, Chapter 6

Sep 27

**In-class Exam I**

Week V

Oct 2

**Humanitarian Challenges and the Protection of Human Rights**

Human development, refugees, indigenous peoples, gender politics  
Kegley, Chapter 7

Oct 4

**Globalization and the Prospects for Global Governance**

Information, health, migration, trade, finance, the state  
Kegley, Chapter 8

Week VI

Oct 9

**MONDAY SCHEDULE**

Oct 11      **Money and Markets in the Global Political Economy**  
Theories of international political economy, money, trade  
Kegley, Chapter 9

Week VII

Oct 16      **Population and Resource Pressures on the Global Environment**  
Population change, environmental security, ecopolitics  
Kegley, Chapter 10

Oct 18      **The Transformation of Armed Conflict**  
Cause of aggression, intra-state conflict, terrorism  
Kegley, Chapter 11

Week VIII

Oct 23      **Military Power, Coercive Diplomacy, and National Security**  
Power, capabilities, strategy, coercive diplomacy, great powers  
Kegley, Chapter 12

Oct 25      **The Realist Road to Security: Alliances, Arms Control, Balance of Power**  
Impact of alliances, arms control and disarmament, balancing power  
Kegley, Chapter 13

Week IX

Oct 30      **In-class Exam II**

Nov 1      **The Liberal Institutional Paths to Peace**  
International law overview, international organizations, integration  
Kegley, Chapter 14

Week X

Nov 6      **International Law**  
Sovereignty, treaties, diplomacy, law of the sea, laws of war  
Handout

**PART II - CLASSICS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

Nov 8      **Classical Greek Thought**  
Aristotle, Aristophanes, Thucydides  
Reader

Week XI

Nov 13      **Human Nature and the Modern State**  
Machiavelli, Hobbes  
Reader

Nov 15      **Clausewitz and the Nature of War**  
Clausewitz  
Reader and Handout

Week XII

Nov 20     **Marx and the Role of Economics in History**  
              Marx and Engels, Lenin, Wallerstein  
              Reader  
Nov 24     **[Fall Recess]**

Week XIII

Nov 27     **Liberalism and the Modern State**  
              Wilson, Waltz  
              Reader  
Nov 29     **In-class Exam III**

Week XIV

Dec 4      **World Structure Today - Western Viewpoints**  
              Huntington, Fukuyama  
              Reader  
Dec 6      **Feminism and Other Alternative Views**  
              Tickner  
              Reader and Handout

Week XV

Dec 11     **Summary and Kegley's 12 Questions**  
              Kegley, Chapter 15

**Monday 17 December - Final Examination 12:30 - 2:30 PM**