PARDEE SCHOOL IR/PO 271
INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Semester I - Fall 2017
Tuesday & Thursday, 1100-1215
Law 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
- a Political Science course
- an approved elective for COM students
- a BU HUB course

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course the student will be able to:
- Enumerate the major theories of IR and elucidate their key approaches
- Account for the development of the current state of such a world system as exists
- Identify the major laws and patterns of behavior that characterize state relations
- Describe the major governmental and non-governmental institutions in world politics
- Discuss major issues now confronting world order, e.g., environment, terrorism, etc.

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 quizzes and the Final Examination when these are scheduled. Note: the Final Exam is scheduled for Tuesday December 19 from 1230-230 PM. There will be no allowance for 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 SIX 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 Absences will measurably affect your grade and may cause you to be withdrawn from the course.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 University requires, we take attendance.

GRADING FACTORS AND SCHEDULES

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All work during quizzes and the Final Examination is to be your own without assistance from any notes, electronic devices of any kind, or other persons. Violation of this rule will have serious consequences, academic and conduct. Refer to the CAS Standards of Academic Conduct for complete guidance on this matter.

POLICY ON MISSED QUIZZES AND THE FINAL EXAM

**In-class Quizzes**

Make-up quizzes will **not** normally be given. If you miss a quiz because of University-sponsored functions, major religious holidays, or documented illness or medical condition, the In-class Quizzes you do take will receive a weight of 30% each. If you miss an In-class Quiz and have no valid excuse, the In-class Quizzes you do take will be weighted at 23% each.

**Final Examinations.**

University procedures cover most circumstances under which a student is to be given a make-up Final Examination, e.g., three final exams on one day as may occur this semester. Otherwise it is my discretion as to whether or not you merit a make-up Final Examination and what penalty to impose.

**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 is one text and several online readings for this course. The Lamy text is available at the Bookstore is also available elsewhere. It will **not** be on reserve at the library.

**Daily Newspaper.** In addition to the required texts, you must read a reputable daily newspaper that covers international news since at each quiz and on the Final Examination you will be tested on your knowledge of important current events around the globe. The *New York Times* remains the best of the American papers for international coverage 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.

**WEB SITE**

A course web site will be available on Blackboard 8.

**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. Such questions often raise issues whose clarification at a following lecture benefits the entire class. If there is time, I will answer very brief or simple questions after class but another large class uses Law Auditorium immediately afterward and we must clear out. Discussion of alternative views of IR matters or of personal issues cannot be accommodated after class. We discuss such things at office hours.

**E MAIL CONTACT**

I respond to all e-mails usually within one business day. If I do not responded to your e-mail, do not assume I have seen it. Emails are very good for brief communications but I do not use them as a substitute for discussions appropriate to office hours.

**CLASS ROOM POLICY/Laptops**

I do not permit disruptive or distracting behavior. Please note: **LAPTOP USE IS NOT PERMITTED IN CLASS.** See the readings on the web site on reasons for this.

**CLASS SCHEDULE/ASSIGNED READINGS**

**Week 1**

5 Sep  
**Introduction to Course**  
Course objectives  
Overview of the course
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<td><strong>Evolution of the Global Politics: Westphalia - Cold War</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Realism</strong></td>
<td>Lamy: Ch. 3, pp. 70-82</td>
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<td><strong>Liberalism</strong></td>
<td>Lamy: Ch. 3, pp. 83-98</td>
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<td><strong>Critical Theories</strong></td>
<td>Lamy: Ch. 3, pp. 99-111</td>
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<td><strong>Foreign Policy Analysis</strong></td>
<td>Lamy, Ch. 4, pp. 116-131</td>
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<td><strong>Foreign Policy Process</strong></td>
<td>Lamy: Ch. 4, pp. 132-155</td>
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**Global Governance**  
Lamy: Ch. 5, pp. 158-172

Week VII

17 Oct  
**International Law**  
Lecture

19 Oct  
**Regional Governance and NGOs**  
Lamy Ch. 5, pp. 173-203

Week VIII

24 Oct  
**War as Politics**  
Web Site: Clausewitz, Sun Tzu

26 Oct  
**In-class Quiz II**

Week IX

31 Oct  
**Security, Military Power**  
Lamy, Ch. 6, pp. 208-231

2 Nov  
**Terrorism**  
Lamy, Ch. 6, pp. 232-249

Week X

7 Nov  
**Human Rights**  
Lamy: Ch. 7

9 Nov  
**Theories of International Political Economy**  
In-class lecture

Week XI

14 Nov  
**Global Trade**  
Lamy: Ch. 8
16 Nov  Global Finance
        Lamy, Ch. 8

Week XII
21 Nov  In-class QUIZ 3

23 Nov  THANKSGIVING

Week XII
28 Nov  Poverty, Development and Hunger
        Lamy: Ch. 9

30 Nov  Environment
        Lamy Ch. 10

Week XIII
5 Dec    The Modern State and International Politics
        Web Site: Weber, Wilson and Waltz

7 Dec    Emerging Views of the World
        Web Site: Fukuyama, Huntington, Mahbubani

Week XIV
12 Dec   Review

Tuesday 19 December - Final Examination
       1230-230