



INTRODUCTION TO WORLD POLITICS Political Science 2520 – 2015

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Why is it so difficult for the international community to enforce international laws as effectively as many states enforce domestic laws? How do we explain the foreign policy priorities and behaviour of nation states? Are states attempting to maximise their ‘power’, ‘security’, or international ‘order’? Can the United Nations and other international institutions successfully manage global conflict and violence, or are they destined to fail? Why did the U.N., U.S. and/or NATO intervene in Bosnia (1992-1995), Kosovo (1998), Afghanistan (2001), Iraq (1991, 1998, 2003 and 2013), Libya (2011), and Syria (2014)? Why has the international community avoided interventions in Rwanda (1994), Sudan (2003-2015), Syria (2011-2013), and Ukraine (2013-2015)? What do these conflicts tell us about the nature of world politics, the application (and misapplication) of coercive force and diplomacy, or the imperative to protect national self-interests? How should we address security threats from ISIS, nuclear and chemical weapons proliferation, or globalized terrorism? Will the 2015 Iran Nuclear Deal help or hinder regional and global security? Can the war on terrorism be won? Does the threat from terrorism and extremism justify the annual expenditure of tens of \$billions of dollars in the U.S. and Canada? Has the post-Cold War system been replaced by a potentially more dangerous post-9/11 system? And where does Canada fit in?

These are a few of the many questions and debates *Introduction to World Politics 2520* is designed to address. The objective is to introduce students to the field of world politics by evaluating what scholars and practitioners have discovered about the conduct of leaders, governments, institutions and others actors in the international system. A review of major intellectual frameworks of analysis and theories will guide students through different interpretations of contemporary world politics.

COURSE EVALUATION

Mid-term exam	October (in class - date TBA)	40%
End of term exam	December (date TBA)	60%

EXAMS

The mid- term exam will be held in class in mid-October - the date (TBA) will depend on progress through the course lectures and material. For the midterm exam students will be expected to have a basic understanding of the ideas and issues raised in the lectures, Power Point slides and required readings up to the week prior to the exam. The final exam (in December) is set by the Registrar's office - **the official exam period for the Fall 2015 semester is December 10-20. Please do not make any travel plans until after you confirm the official dates and times for your final exams.**

REQUIRED READINGS

PLEASE NOTE -- in order to eliminate the high cost of course material, the 2015 World Politics syllabus has been revised to include only material that is accessible online. All readings and journal articles can be found using the links listed in the syllabus or by accessing the relevant Journal through Dalhousie's Electronic Journals (*e-Journals*) web page. If there is no direct link provided in the syllabus (or if the link leads to a subscription page or pay wall), simply track the journal title, edition/volume, author, article title and page numbers here:

<http://www.library.dal.ca/Find/?find=journals>

S E P T E M B E R

1. Introduction and Course Summary

1.1 Social Science and the Study of World Politics

The Philosophy of Social Science (read sections 1 and 4) -
<http://www.iep.utm.edu/soc-sci/>

Branislav L. Slantchev (2005) "The Scientific Method" - University of California, San Diego - <http://slantchev.ucsd.edu/courses/ps12/01-scientific-method.pdf>

1.2 Levels of Analysis in World Politics

David Kinsella, Bruce Russett and Harvey Starr "World Politics: The Menu for Choice"
Chapter 1 (Levels of Analysis):
<http://www.cengagebrain.com.au/content/9781133968122.pdf>

Recommended (for a more detailed overview of Levels of Analysis)

John Rourke (2009) "International Politics on the World Stage" - *Chapter 3: Levels of Analysis and Foreign Policy*.

http://highered.mheducation.com/sites/dl/free/0073403881/569832/Rourke12e_Sample_ch03.pdf

2. Realism - Anarchy and Power in World Politics

2.1 General Overviews

<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/realism-intl-relations/>

2.2 Edward H. Carr -- The Twenty Years' Crisis -- read Chapter 5 "Realist Critique" --

http://ias.wustl.edu/files/ias/imce/ia_reading_one_carrs_realist_critique.pdf

2.3 Hans J. Morgenthau (1966) Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace (New York: Alfred A. Knopf) -- read six principles:

<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/morg6.htm>

2.4 Kenneth Waltz "Neorealism in International Relations" - a summary of Man, State and War (1979) by Jo Jakobsen -

<http://www.popularsocialscience.com/2013/11/06/neorealism-in-international-relations-kenneth-waltz/>

Recommended

Watch: 'A Conversation with Kenneth Waltz':

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9eV5gPIPZg>

2.5 Kenneth N. Waltz, "The Stability of a Bipolar World." Daedalus, 93, no. 3 (1964) -

http://faculty.washington.edu/caporaso/courses/203/readings/waltz_Stability_of_a_Bipolar.pdf

2.6 Karl W. Deutsch and J. David Singer "Multipolar Power Systems and International Stability" World Politics, Vol. 16, No. 3. (Apr., 1964), pp. 390-406. --

http://sitemaker.umich.edu/jdsinger/files/multipolar_power_systems_and_international_stability.pdf

Recommended

William C. Wohlforth (1999) "The Stability of a Unipolar World" International Security. Volume 24, Issue 1, p. 5-41 -

<http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/wohlforthvol24no1.pdf>

2.7 John Mearsheimer (2001) "Anarchy and the Struggle for Power".

http://www.ucsfmun.ca/~russellw/Teaching_files/Mearsheimer%20-%20Realism.pdf

Recommended

Watch: 'A Conversation with John Mearsheimer':
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKFamUu6dGw>

3. 'Order', 'Morality' and International Society (English School)

- 3.1 Stanley Hoffman (1986) "Hedley Bull and His Contribution to International Relations." International Affairs, Vol. 62, No. 2(Spring, 1986), pp. 179-195 -
<http://www.guillaumenicaise.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/hedley-bull-by-hoffman.pdf>

3.2 Case Studies of International Norms: R2P, NPT/CWC, and ICC

International Norms and the Responsibility to Protect (R2P)
<http://www.un.org/en/preventgenocide/adviser/responsibility.shtml>

Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT/CWC)
<http://www.un.org/en/conf/npt/2005/background.html>

International Criminal Court (ICC)
http://www.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/icc/about%20the%20court/Pages/about%20the%20court.aspx

- 3.3 Henry Kissinger (2001) -- "Pitfalls of Universal Jurisdiction" -
<https://www.globalpolicy.org/component/content/article/163/28174.html>
- 3.4 Kenneth Roth (2001) -- "The Case for Universal Jurisdiction"
<http://faculty.maxwell.syr.edu/hpschmitz/PSC124/PSC124Readings/RothUniversalJurisdiction.pdf>
- 3.5 Richard Price "No Strike, No Problem: The Right Way to Nurture a Norm." September 5, 2013. Foreign Affairs.

Recommended

Martha Finnemore and Kathryn Sikkink, "International norm dynamics and political change," International Organization 52, No. 4: 887-917 -
http://home.gwu.edu/~finnemor/articles/1998_norms_io.pdf

Ryder McKeown "Norm Regress: US Revisionism and the Slow Death of the Torture Norm." International Relations 2009 23: 5.

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4. Liberalism, Institutions and Interdependence in World Politics

- 4.1 Edward Morse (1970) “The Transformation of Foreign Policy: Modernization, Interdependence, and Externalization.” World Politics, vol. 22, no. 3 (April), pp. 425-439.
- 4.2 Kenneth Oye (1985) “Explaining Cooperation under Anarchy: Hypotheses and Strategies” World Politics, Vol. 38, No. 1 (Oct., 1985), pp. 1-24
- 4.3 John Mearsheimer (1994/95) “The False Promise of Institutions” International Security 19(3): pp. 5-49. **AND** “A Realist Reply”. International Security 20(1), pp. 82-93.
- 4.4 Lisa L. Martin and Robert Keohane (1995) “The Promise of Institutional Theory”, International Security 20 (1), pp. 39-51.

Recommended

- Arthur A. Stein (2008) “Neoliberal Institutionalism”, in *The Oxford Handbook on International Relations*, pp. 201–221. Edited by Christian Reus-Smit and Duncan Snidal. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008
 - <http://www.grandstrategy.net/Articles-pdf/11-Smit-Snidal-c11.pdf>
- 4.5 Dale Copeland (2000) “The Constructivist Challenge to Structural Realism: A Review Essay.” International Security, Vol. 25, No. 2 (Fall 2000), pp. 187–212
 - 4.6 Ann Tickner (1999) “Search for the Princess” Harvard International Review, Volume 21, Issue 4 (Fall) pp. 44-48

5. Case Study: Explaining the Iraq War - Realism vs. Institutions vs. Neoconservatives vs. Norms vs....

- 5.1 Michael J. Glennon (2003) “Why the Security Council Failed.” Foreign Affairs, May/June 2003 Vol. 82 Issue 3, p.16
- 5.2 Anne-Marie Slaughter, Ian Hurd, and Edward C. Luck “Stayin' Alive: The Rumours of the UN's Death Have Been Exaggerated” Jul/Aug2003, Vol. 82 Issue 4, p.201
- 5.3 John Mearsheimer “Hans Morgenthau and the Iraq war: realism versus neo-conservatism.” -- <http://mearsheimer.uchicago.edu/pdfs/A0037.pdf>
- 5.4 Judith Miller (2015) “The Iraq War and Stubborn Myths” - <http://www.wsj.com/articles/the-iraq-war-and-stubborn-myths-1428087215>
- 5.5 Frank Harvey (2012) “President Al Gore and the 2003 Iraq War: A Counterfactual Critique of Conventional “W”isdom” -- Canadian Journal of Political Science 45:1, pp. 1-32 (March).

Recommended

Stephen Walt, "An Unnecessary War," Foreign Policy (Jan/Feb 2003) - <http://mearsheimer.uchicago.edu/pdfs/A0032.pdf>

Charles Krauthammer "In Defense of Democratic Realism." The National Interest (Fall 2004) - http://www.aei.org/docLib/20040227_book755text.pdf

Daniel Lieberfeld (2005) "Theories of Conflict and The Iraq War." International Journal of Peace Studies, Volume 10, Number 2, Autumn/Winter 2005 - http://www.gmu.edu/programs/icar/ijps/vol10_2/wLieberfeld10n2IJPS.pdf

6. Decision-Makers: Rational & Non-Rational Foreign Policies

- 6.1 Janice Gross Stein (2007) "Foreign policy decision-making: rational, psychological, and neurological models," http://www.beck-shop.de/fachbuch/leseprobe/9780199596232_Excerpt_001.pdf
- 6.2 Robert Jervis (1968) "Hypotheses on Misperception". World Politics Volume 20, Issue 3 (April), pp. 454-479.
- 6.3 Paul Huth (1999) "Deterrence and International Conflict: Empirical Findings and Theoretical Debates" Annual Review of Political Science. Volume 2, Issue 1, p. 25-48
- 6.4 Richard Ned Lebow (2008) "Deterrence". http://www.dartmouth.edu/~nedlebow/deterr_crit_analy.doc

Case Study: Deterrence, Credibility and Chemical Weapons use in Syria

- 6.5 Jennifer Lind and Daryl Press (2013) "Red Lines and Red Herrings." Foreign Policy, 6 May - http://walt.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2013/05/06/red_lines_and_red_herrings;
- 6.6. Jonathan Mercer (2013) "Bad Reputation: The folly of going to war for 'credibility'." Foreign Affairs, 28 August - <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/136577/jonathan-mercer/bad-reputation>.
- 6.7 Fared Zakaria (2013) "US Credibility is not on the line in Syria." Washington Post, May 8 - http://articles.washingtonpost.com/2013-05-08/opinions/39115046_1_u-s-marine-syria-cold-war
- 6.8 Michael Ignatieff (2000) Lecture and Interview -- Virtual War: Kosovo and Beyond.
Lecture 1 Video: <http://www.uctv.tv/shows/Michael-Ignatieff-Virtual-War-and-the-Future-of-Intervention-5554>
Lecture 2 Transcript: http://www.usna.edu/Ethics/files/documents/IgnatieffPg1-24_Final.pdf#search=ignatieff

N O V E M B E R

7. Globalism, Terrorism and Post-9/11 Security

Inevitability (and rationality) of Multilateralism

- 7.1 Joseph Nye (2002) “The New Rome Meets the New Barbarians: How America Should Wield Its Power.” The Economist (23 March 2002) - http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/publication/1172/new_rome_meets_the_new_barbarians.html
- 7.2 Robert Keohane (2001) “The Globalization of Informal Violence, Theories of World Politics, and ‘The Liberalism of Fear’ -- <http://essays.ssrc.org/sept11/essays/keohane2.htm>

Inevitability (and rationality) of Unilateralism

- 7.3 Charles Krauthammer “The Unipolar Moment Revisited” - <http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/files/krauthammer.pdf>
- 7.4 Robert Kagan (2002) -- “Multilateralism, American Style” Washington Post, May 26 <http://carnegieendowment.org/2002/09/13/multilateralism-american-style>

Recommended

- Niall Ferguson and Robert Kagan (2004) “American Power, Past and Present” -- online debate (View All Entries in the Debate) -- http://www.slate.com/articles/arts/the_book_club/features/2004/american_power_past_and_present/the_word.html
- 7.5 John Mueller (2006) “Is There Still a Terrorist Threat? The Myth of the Omnipresent Enemy.” Foreign Affairs, (September/October)

8. WMD Proliferation, Arms Control and Missile Defence

- 8.1 General Information on WMD Proliferation, Trends and Threats (briefly review)
<http://www.nti.org/threats/>
<http://fas.org/nuke/guide/index.html>
- 8.2 Scott D. Sagan (1996-1997) “Why Do States Build Nuclear Weapons?: Three Models in Search of a Bomb.” International Security. Vol. 21, No. 3 (Winter, 1996-1997), pp. 54-86 - http://iis-db.stanford.edu/pubs/20278/Why_Do_States_Build_Nuclear_Weapons.pdf
- 8.3 Scott Sagan and Kenneth Waltz “The Great Debate about Nuclear Proliferation”

[http://cisac.fsi.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Sagan_Waltz - National Interest - The Great Debate.pdf](http://cisac.fsi.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Sagan_Waltz_-_National_Interest_-_The_Great_Debate.pdf)

Recommended

Kenneth Waltz (2012) “Why Iran Should Get the Bomb: Nuclear Balancing Would Mean Stability.” Foreign Affairs, July/August 2012

James Fearon (2012) “How do States Act After they Get Nuclear Weapons” - <http://themonkeycage.org/2012/01/29/how-do-states-act-after-they-get-nuclear-weapons/>

Frank Harvey (2000) “The International Politics of National Missile Defence: A Response to the Critics.” International Journal 55, Issue 4 (2000): 545-566; and Harvey (2001) “National missile defence revisited, again: a reply to David Mutimer” International Journal. Toronto: Spring 2001. Vol. 56, Issue 2; pg. 347

9. Canada in the World -- Middle Power or Fading Power?

- 9.1 Kim Nossal and Denis Stairs “Trends in Canadian Foreign Policy” and “Canada: Fading Power or Future Power” in Behind the Headlines
http://2glspd2t2a9zr20ie1z7bx8zbb.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/BTH_vol59_no3.pdf
- 9.2 Denis Stairs (2003) “Myths, morals and reality in Canadian foreign policy,” International Journal, Vol. LVII, No. 2 (Spring 2003), pp. 239-256.
- 9.3 Joel J. Sokolsky (2005) “Canada and North American maritime security: the home and away game at sea” -
<http://policyoptions.irpp.org/issues/defending-north-america/canada-and-north-american-maritime-security-the-home-and-away-game-at-sea/>

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Newspapers and New Agencies

Al Jazeera <http://english.aljazeera.net/HomePage>

BBC World Service www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/index.htm

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace www.ceip.org/

CNN www.cnn.com

Dar Al Hayat www.english.daralhayat.com

Department of Defense <http://www.defenselink.mil/>

Interfax News Agency www.interfax-news.com

Itar-Tass News Agency www.itar-tass.com

National Public Radio www.npr.org

The American Enterprise Institute www.aei.org

The Brookings Institution www.brookings.org

The Economist www.economist.com
 The Financial Times www.ft.com
 The Guardian www.guardian.co.uk
 The Moscow Times www.moscowtimes.ru
 The New York Times www.nytimes.com
 The Times of India www.timesofindia.com
 The United Nations www.un.org
 The Washington Post www.washingtonpost.com
 The White House <http://www.whitehouse.gov/>
 US Central Intelligence Agency www.cia.gov/index/html
 US Department of State www.state.gov

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Information About Policies & Where To Go For Help

University Regulations, Undergraduate Calendar: http://www.dal.ca/academics/important_dates.html

University Grading Practices: <http://senate.dal.ca//Files/policies/gradingpractices.pdf>

Academic Support: http://www.dal.ca/campus_life/student_services/academic-support/advising.html

University Academic Integrity: <http://academicintegrity.dal.ca/>

Advising and Access Services <http://www.dal.ca/access>

Libraries: <http://libraries.dal.ca/>

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Grade Scale and Definitions¹

Grade	Grade Point Value	Percentage	Definition
A+	4.30	90-100	Excellent Considerable evidence of original thinking; demonstrated outstanding capacity to analyze and synthesize; outstanding grasp of subject matter; evidence of extensive knowledge base.
A	4.00	85-89	
A-	3.70	80-84	
B+	3.30	77-79	Good Evidence of grasp of subject matter, some evidence of critical capacity and analytical ability; reasonable understanding of relevant issues; evidence of familiarity with the literature.
B	3.00	73-76	
B-	2.70	70-72	
C+	2.30	65-69	Satisfactory Evidence of some understanding of

C	2.00	60-64		the subject matter; ability to develop solutions to simple problems; benefitting from his/her university experience.
C-	1.70	55-59		
D	1.00	50-54	Marginal Pass	Evidence of minimally acceptable familiarity with subject matter, critical and analytical skills (except in programs where a minimum grade of "C" or "C+" is required).
FM	0.00		Marginal Failure	Available only for Engineering, Health Professions and Commerce.
F	0.00	0-49	Inadequate	Insufficient evidence of understanding of the subject matter; weakness in critical and analytical skills; limited or irrelevant use of the literature.

¹http://www.dal.ca/academics/academic_calendars/Undergraduate_Calendar_2014_2015/Academic_Regulations.html