

TROY UNIVERSITY
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MISAWA

IR 5551: SURVEY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
WEB ENHANCED FORMAT

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: An introduction of the discipline of International Relations for graduate students; states, power, national interests, the security dilemma, instruments of foreign policy, challenges to sovereignty, international organizations, and globalization.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE: To provide the student with an introduction or a review of basic concepts and theories of international relations and to discuss the characteristics of the existing international system and suggested alternatives to it in the post-Cold War era.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of this course the student should be able to demonstrate an understanding of

- The different schools of International Relations Theory;
- The concepts of sovereignty, legitimacy, nationalism and the national interest;
- The impact of colonialism on the subject people and on the international system;
- The major economic and political problems and prospects of contemporary developing countries;
- Different causal theories of war and peace and of nuclear deterrence;
- The strengths and weaknesses of the different alternatives to the existing international system;
- Improved analytical and research skills;
- Improved oral and written communications skills.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Mid-Term Exam:	20%
Final Exam:	20%
Research Paper	20%
Discussion groups	20%
Participation	10%

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: Lectures, Class Discussion, Essay Exams, Research Papers.

GRADE SCALE:

A:	90-100
B:	80-89
C:	70-79
D:	60-69
F:	0-59

TEXTS: John T. Rourke, INTERNATIONAL POLITICS ON THE WORLD STAGE, 12th edition, 2007, McGraw Hill, paperback; ISBN - 13: 9780073403885

J. Baylis, S. Smith, and P. Owens, (eds.), THE GLOBALIZATION OF WORLD POLITICS, 4th edition, 2008, Oxford University Press, USA, paperback; ISBN-10: 0199297770; ISBN-13: 978-0199297771

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Students are expected to attend ALL class sessions. Excessive absences may result in a failing grade or the need to drop the course. Students should complete the assigned readings BEFORE the class session.

MAKE-UP POLICY: In exceptional cases (e.g., medical/family emergencies, official duty requirements, TDY/TAD, etc.) an Authorized Absence may be permitted upon consultation with the Instructor. In these situations, the student MUST meet as soon as possible with the instructor to complete a comprehensive review of the missed material. Unauthorized absences will require the mandatory review of the missed material, and may also adversely affect final grades.

MSIR LIBRARY RESOURCES: Students can access online information resources through Troy University's Library Services home page at the following address:

<https://library.troy.edu>

These resources include a variety of full text databases that provide complete articles from thousands of journals, magazines and newspapers. Access to all databases is permitted through "remote services," the university's remote patron authentication system using a three step procedure: Log into remote services using your social security number or student ID number; Select an information service; Select an individual database.

The university's full text information services are: EBSCOhost, FirstSearch, InfoTrac, and ProQuest. Each of these information services provides access to several databases and each has a unique search interface with which students should be familiar. Tutorials and overviews of these information services are available on the library home page under the "guides" link.

In most cases, the best full text coverage of international relations topics can be found in the following databases: Academic Search Elite (through EBSCOhost); Periodical Abstracts II (through ProQuest or FirstSearch); and Expanded Academic (through InfoTrac). Coverage of international newspapers can be found in Newspaper Source (through EBSCOhost) and the Electric Library.

The full text of Foreign Affairs, World Politics and many other international relations publications can be accessed through the university's databases. The "MSIR journal list" gives full text sources for over 90 publications. It can be accessed under the "guides" link.

If the full text of an article is not available online, it can be requested using the article request form

on the library home page under the "request" link. Delivery time is generally two (2) days for articles held by the Troy, Alabama home campus library. Other requests are usually delivered in seven (7) to ten (10) days.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT (ADA)

Troy University supports Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which insure that post-secondary students with disabilities have equal access to all academic programs, physical access to all buildings, facilities and events, and are not discriminated against on the basis of disability. Eligible students, with appropriate documentation, will be provided equal opportunity to demonstrate their academic skills and potential through the provision of academic adaptations and reasonable accommodations. Further information, including appropriate contact information, can be found at the following link: <http://www.troy.edu/humanresources/ADAPolicy2003.htm>

ACADEMIC ETHICS: Details of ethical standards of reporting information can be found in the PUBLICATIONS MANUAL OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION. Troy University's "Standards of Conduct" published in the GRADUATE CATALOG should also be consulted.

STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT

Each student will complete a graduate level research paper of approximately 12 -15 double spaced pages of text. The paper should include appropriate source citations for direct quotes, empirical data, statistics and paraphrased ideas from others. A bibliography should follow the text

The number of possible topics is countless. In selecting a topic, and in writing the paper, it is important to focus, to select a topic that is manageable. Try to be as specific as possible. Topics must be cleared with the instructor.

The official Troy University style guide for format is the PUBLICATIONS MANUAL of the AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.

The paper is due on Nov. 24. It can be e-mailed to the Instructor as an attachment. Please ensure that you keep a copy in case it gets lost in transit or transmission.

The paper is worth 20% of the course grade.

SYLLABUS and COURSE SCHEDULE (subject to revision)

WEEKEND ONE: (October 24/25)

•SATURDAY AM:

Rourke, INTERNATIONAL POLITICS ON THE WORLD STAGE, 12th edition, 2007

Ch. 1, Thinking and Caring About World Politics

Baylis, Smith, and Owens: THE GLOBALIZATION OF WORLD POLITICS, 4th Edition, 2008

Introduction (Baylis, Smith, and Owens)

Ch. 1, Globalization and global politics (McGrew)

•SATURDAY PM:

Rourke, INTERNATIONAL POLITICS ON THE WORLD STAGE, 12th edition, 2007

Ch. 2, The Evolution of World Politics

Baylis, Smith, and Owens: THE GLOBALIZATION OF WORLD POLITICS, 4th Edition, 2008

Ch. 2, The evolution of international society (Armstrong)

Ch. 3, International history, 1900-1990 (Scott)

Ch. 4, From the cold war to the war on terror (Cox)

•SUNDAY AM:

Rourke, INTERNATIONAL POLITICS ON THE WORLD STAGE, 12th edition, 2007

Ch. 3, Levels of Analysis and Foreign Policy

Baylis, Smith, and Owens: THE GLOBALIZATION OF WORLD POLITICS, 4th Edition, 2008

Ch. 5, Realism (Dunne and Schmidt)

Ch. 6, Liberalism (Dunne)

Ch. 7, Contemporary mainstream approaches: neo-realism and neo-liberalism (Lamy)

•SUNDAY PM:

Baylis, Smith, and Owens: THE GLOBALIZATION OF WORLD POLITICS, 4th Edition, 2008

Ch. 8, Marxist theories of international relations (Hobden and Jones)

Ch. 9, Social constructivism (Barnett)

Ch. 10, Alternative approaches to international theory (Smith and Owens)

(Recommended -- Ch. 11, International Ethics (Shapcott))

WEEKEND TWO: (Oct. 31/Nov. 1)

•SATURDAY AM:

Rourke, INTERNATIONAL POLITICS ON THE WORLD STAGE, 12th edition, 2007

Ch. 4, Nationalism: The Traditional Orientation

Ch. 5, Globalism: The Alternative Orientation

•SATURDAY PM:

Rourke, INTERNATIONAL POLITICS ON THE WORLD STAGE, 12th edition, 2007

Ch. 6, National States: The Traditional Structure

Baylis, Smith, and Owens: THE GLOBALIZATION OF WORLD POLITICS, 4th Edition, 2008

Ch. 23, Nationalism (Breuilley)

(Recommended -- Ch. 24, Culture in world affairs (Murden))

***SUNDAY AM:**

Rourke, INTERNATIONAL POLITICS ON THE WORLD STAGE, 12th edition, 2007

Ch. 7, Intergovernmental Organizations: Alternative Governance

Baylis, Smith, and Owens: THE GLOBALIZATION OF WORLD POLITICS, 4th Edition, 2008

Ch. 17, International regimes (Little)

Ch. 18, The United Nations (Taylor and Curtis)

•SUNDAY PM:

Baylis, Smith, and Owens: THE GLOBALIZATION OF WORLD POLITICS, 4th Edition, 2008

Ch. 19, Transnational actors and international organizations in global politics (Willetts)

Ch. 25, Regionalism in international affairs (Best and Christiansen)

IN-CLASS MIDTERM EXAM – 20%

After the first two in-class weekends, students will continue with the assigned reading as listed below. Students will interact electronically with the instructor (and with each other) on the assigned reading during Weeks Three, Four, Five, and Six. Each week's discussion will begin on Thursday at noon and conclude on Tuesday at noon.

The weekly discussions will center on topics selected from Rourke, and questions found at the end of each chapter in Baylis, Smith, and Owens. The instructor will select the questions. Students will submit their comments on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday (by noon). The instructor will respond to these comments on Saturday or Sunday, and students will comment on the instructor's remarks by Tuesday at noon.

WEEK THREE: (ends Tuesday, Nov. 10)

Rourke: Ch. 8, National Power and Statecraft: The Traditional Approach
Ch. 9, International Law and Justice: An Alternative Approach

B/S/O: Ch. 16. International law (Reus-Smit)

WEEK FOUR: (ends Tuesday, Nov. 17)

Rourke: Ch. 10, National Security: The Traditional Road
Ch. 11, International Security: The Alternative Road

B/S/O: Ch. 12, The changing character of war (Sheehan)
Ch. 13, International and global security (Baylis)
Ch. 21, Terrorism and globalization (Kiras)
Ch. 22, Nuclear proliferation (Hewlett)

WEEK FIVE: (ends Tuesday, Nov. 24)

Rourke: Ch. 12, National Economic Competition: The Traditional Road
Ch. 13, International Economic Cooperation: The Alternative Road

B/S/O: Ch. 14, International political economy in an age of globalism (Woods)
Ch. 26, Global Trade and Finance (Scholte)
(Recommended -- Ch. 27, Poverty, development and hunger (Thomas))

WEEK SIX: (ends Tuesday, Dec. 1)

Rourke: Ch. 14, Preserving and Enhancing Human Rights and Dignity
Ch. 15, Preserving and Enhancing the Biosphere

B/S/O: Ch. 15, Gender in world politics (Tickner)
Ch. 20, Environmental Issues (Vogler)
Ch. 29, Human rights (Brown)
Ch. 30, Humanitarian intervention (Bellamy and Wheeler)
Ch. 31, Globalization and the transformation of political community (Linklater)
Ch. 32, Globalization and the post-cold war order (Clark)
(Recommended -- Ch. 28, Human security (Acharya))

FINAL EXAM – 20%

(Questions will be distributed on Dec. 1, and completed exams should be returned to the instructor, as an attachment, no later than 10:00 AM Friday, Dec. 4)