

## **POLI 12: International Relations**

Winter 2012

MW 11:00-11:50, Solis 107

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### **Syllabus: Version January 4, 2012**

This course introduces students to the study of international politics. No prior background in international relations is assumed. The course is focused on two major questions: 1) Why war? 2) Why are poor countries poor and rich countries rich? We will analyze both of these questions using a framework focused on interests, interactions, and institutions.

### **Readings**

The textbook for this course is Jeffrey A. Frieden, David A. Lake, Kenneth A. Schultz, *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, and Institutions* (New York: W. W. Norton, 2010). Denoted as FLS below. It is available for purchase at the UCSD Bookstore and at various online dealers (Amazon \$70, used \$31 and up). An e-book version of the text can be purchased at:

[http://www.nortonebooks.com/BuyChoice.aspx?siteId=world\\_politics\\_ebook](http://www.nortonebooks.com/BuyChoice.aspx?siteId=world_politics_ebook). Various pricing options are available depending on format and length of time access is purchased.

We will also read several articles during the term, all of which will be provided on the course website.

The Student Studyspace through W. W. Norton is available at <http://www.wwnorton.com/college/polisci/world%2Dpolitics/>. Here students will find study plans, chapter outlines, practice quizzes, and other pedagogical tools.

### **Grades**

Grades for this course will be based on 1) Section participation (10 percent), 2) Lecture participation and quizzes (15 percent) 3) Midterm (20 percent), 4) Paper (25 percent) and 3) Final (30 percent). Section requirements may differ by TA.

### **Clickers:**

All students in this course are required to purchase an iclicker. Students will use clickers to answer multiple-choice questions during lecture. The purpose of the clickers is to give students a chance to actively participate in the lecture and to check understanding as we proceed through the material.

Clicker responses will be used to calculate participation grades for lecture. I will not deduct points for wrong answers, but students must attempt to answer the questions to receive participation credit.

## **Course Webpage**

This syllabus and appropriate links are available on the course webpage at <http://polisci2.ucsd.edu/bagraham/>. The slides from lecture will be available on the website. Whenever possible, I will post the slides before class so that students can print them out to take notes directly onto the slides. Reviewing the slides is not a substitute for attending lecture, and the slides will not include all the information covered in lecture, or all the material that will be on the exams.

## **Schedule of Topics and Readings**

### **I: Introduction and Framework**

January 9: Course Introduction

January 11: The Framework: Interests, Interactions, and Institutions

Readings: FLS Introduction and Chapter 2

Monday, January 16:

\*\*\*\*\*Martin Luther King Day: No Class \*\*\*\*\*

### **II: Why War?**

Wednesday, January 18: Why War? History and Theory Development

Readings: FLS Chapter 1

Monday, January 23: Bargaining and War

Readings: FLS Chapter 3

Wednesday, January 25: Domestic Politics and War

Readings: FLS Chapter 4

Monday, January 30: International Institutions and War

Readings: FLS Chapter 5

Wednesday, February 1: Terrorism and Asymmetric Warfare

Readings: Review FLS Chapters 4 & 5

Monday, February 6: Human Rights

Readings: FLS Chapter 11

\*\*\*Midterm study guide will be posted online\*\*\*\*

### **III: Why are poor countries poor and rich countries rich?**

Wednesday, February 8: Introduction to International Political Economy

Readings: Study hard for the midterm!

Monday, February 13: Midterm Exam

Wednesday, February 15: International Trade (1)  
Readings: FLS Chapter 6

February 20: No Class  
\*\*\*\*\*Presidents Day\*\*\*\*\*

Wednesday, February 22: International Trade (2)  
\*\*\*\*\*Paper Topics Passed Out\*\*\*\*\*

Monday, February 27: Foreign Investment (1)  
Readings: FLS Chapter 7

Wednesday, February 29: Foreign Investment (2)

Monday, March 5: Migration  
\*\*\*\*\*Paper is Due at the Beginning of Class\*\*\*\*\*  
Readings: Michael Clemens, "Economics and Emigration"  
\*This article will be available on the course website.

Wednesday, March 7: International Politics and Development (1)  
FSL Chapter 9

Monday, March 12: International Politics and Development (2)  
\*\*\*\*\*Final study guide will be posted online\*\*\*\*\*

Wednesday, March 14: Review Lecture

March 19: Final Exam: 11:30AM-1:30PM  
Location TBA