**PS 12: International Relations**  
Summer Session I, 2012  
MW, 8:00am-10:50am  
Center Hall 220

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**Syllabus**

This course introduces students to the study of international politics. No prior background in international relations is assumed. Students will acquire the basic analytic tools necessary to understand and explain a variety of international phenomena including war, terrorism, globalization, environmental cooperation, and human rights practices.

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**Readings**
The textbook for this course is Jeffry 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 Ebook version of the text can be purchased at: 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.

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

Other readings will be available on ted.ucsd.edu as necessary.

**Grades**
Grades for this course will be based on 1) A Map Quiz (20 percent) 2) Midterm (20 percent), 3) Final Exam (20 percent), 4) Class participation (20 percent), and 5) Reading quizzes (20 percent).

**Exams**
Both the midterm and final will be multiple choice. All students must take the midterm and final exams at the scheduled time. Missed exams may be made up only after a Doctor’s note is submitted explaining why you were too ill to take the exam. No exceptions.

**Participation**
This is a very small class, which means that the class can be more discussion oriented than lecture oriented. If you want to avoid lectures, bring questions to class that we can discuss. Participation will also be a function of your participation in several in-class simulations, follow-up discussions, and writing assignments. We will also watch at least one movie in class which will include a follow-up discussion and writing assignment. Details for simulations, writing assignments, and the movie will be announced later.
**Reading Quizzes**

At least one of the readings for any given session of class will be accompanied by a reading quiz at ted.ucsd.edu. The quizzes are open book, short answer and there is no time limit.

**Course Webpage**

This syllabus and upcoming assignments will be available at ted.ucsd.edu. I will not post lecture slides under any circumstances.

**Course Questions**

If you have questions about the course, its content or structure, please email me. Neither I nor my TA answer emails that ask questions that can be answered by reading the syllabus.

**Course Design**

I reserve the right to change the syllabus, including the topics and readings. I may replace up to one meeting with an in-class simulation.

**Schedule and Readings**

**July 2:** What is International Relations? What is science? What is anarchy?

- FLS Chapter 1 and 2
- Simulation: Anarchy and Economics (In Class)

**July 9:** Why do States Fight Wars?

- FLS Chapter 3

**July 11:** Alliances, *International Organizations and War*

- FLS Chapter 5

Movie: *Doctor Strangelove, Or How I Stopped Worrying and Learned to Love the Bomb* (In class).

July 16: *Democracy & War; Terrorism*

FLS Chapter 4; 7, 381-402


July 18: Midterm and Movie (Specifics to be announced)

July 23: *Trade*

FLS Chapter 6


Smith, Gayle and Susan Rice. WTO Hands a Critical Victory to African Farmers. 21 May 2004. From YaleGlobal Online.


July 25: *Money and Finance*


Oatley, Thomas. Bigger May Be Different. 26 July 2011. IPE at the University of North Carolina.


FLS Chapter 7 & 8
July 30: *Human Rights*

FLS Chapter 10, 366-380; Chapter 11


Aug 1: *Foreign Aid*


Aug 3: Final Exam