syllabus

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

Readings

The primary readings for this course will be from a draft textbook: Jeffrey A. Frieden, David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schulze, International Relations: Actors, Interactions, and Institutions (New York: W. W. Norton, forthcoming 2008). The manuscript is drafted as "FLS" below and is available on only the web at: http://sbsa.unc.edu/fls/fls6.pdf. Note that this is a first draft of the book, and the chapters are sometimes uneven. Your reactions to the draft will be solicited post-haste as we revise it for eventual publication.

All other readings are available through library reserve at the library.

Because several substantial portions of these books, and are great resources, you may also want to purchase:


Grades

Grades for this course will be based on: 1) Section (30 percent), 2) Midterm (50 percent), and 3) Final (20 percent). Section requirements may differ by Teaching Assistant. Exams

Both the midterm and final exams will be a mix of short answer and essay questions. The short answer questions will be drawn from the readings. The essay questions will be based on lecture and readings.

All students must take the exams 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 ill to take the exam. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Course Webpage

Additional copies of this syllabus and appropriate links are available at the course webpage at http://sbsa.unc.edu/ta/sb6-syllabus.html. The PowerPoint slides from lectures will be available before class on this page as well. It is recommended that you download the slides before each lecture to have them over taking. The slides are not a substitute for lecture.

Schedule of Topics and Readings

1. Introduction

April 2 & 4: Causes and Cooperation

FLS Chapter 1


April 9 & 11: Norms, Interactions, and Institutions

FLS Chapter 2


II. War and Peace

April 14 & 16: Bargaining and War

FLS Chapter 3

Dan Reiter, Exploring the Bargaining Model of War, Perspectives on Politics 1, 1 (2003), pp. 27-47.


April 21: International Institutions and War

FLS Chapter 4

Michael J. Glennon, Why the Security Council Failed, Foreign Affairs Vol. 82, No. 3 (May/June 2003), pp. 18-33.

April 25: Domestic Politics and War

FLS Chapter 5


Or

May 30 Mid-term

III. Globalization

May 2 & 7 International Trade

FLS Chapter 6

May 9 International Monetary and Financial Relations

FLS Chapter 7

May 14 Development

FLS Chapter 8

IV. Global Civil Society

May 16 Transnational Advocacy Groups

FLS Chapter 9, part I

May 21 Terrorism

FLS Chapter 9, part II
Robert Pape, The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism, American Political Science Review 93, 3 (2009), pp.341-361.

May 28 (Memorial Day, no class)

May 30 International Human Rights

FLS Chapter 11

V. Conclusion

June 4 & 5, The Future of International Politics

FLS Chapter 12
James D. Fearon, Iraq’s Civil War, Foreign Affairs 86, 3 (March/April 2007), pp.2-12.

Final Exam, Monday, June 11, 11:30-2:28 PM.