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.

Readings


The Student Studyspace through W. W. Norton is available at http://wwnorton.com/college/polisci/worldpolitics2/welcome.aspx. Here you will find study plans, chapter outlines, practice quizzes, and other pedagogical tools.

Grades

Grades for this course will be based on 1) Section (30 percent), 2) Midterm (30 percent), and 3) Final (40 percent). Section requirements may differ by TA.

Exams

Both the midterm and final exam will be a mix of short answer/identification and essay questions. All students must bring their own “blue books” and take the midterm and final exams at the scheduled times. 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.

Course Webpage

This syllabus and appropriate links are available on the course webpage at http://dss.ucsd.edu/~dlake/courses/ps12/ps12.htm. The slides from lecture will be available before class on this page as well. It is recommended that you download the slides before each lecture to facilitate note taking. The slides are not a substitute for lecture.
Schedule of Topics and Readings

I. Introduction

April 1; *Introduction*: FLS Introduction

April 3: No class; instructor out of town

April 8: *What Shaped Our World*: FLS Chapter 1

April 10 & 15: *Understanding Interests, Interactions, and Institutions*: FLS Chapter 2

II. War and Peace

April 17 & 22: *Why Are There Wars?*: FLS Chapter 3

April 24: *Domestic Politics and War*: FLS Chapter 4

April 29: *International Institutions and War*: FLS Chapter 5

May 1: *Civil War and Terrorism*: FLS Chapter 6

May 6: *Mid-term*

III. International Political Economy

May 8 & 13: *International Trade*: FLS Chapter 7

May 15 & 20: *International Monetary and Financial Relations*: FLS Chapters 8 and 9

IV. Transnational Politics

May 22: *International Law and Norms*, FLS Chapter 11

May 27: *Memorial Day*, no class.

May 29: *Human Rights*: FLS Chapter 12

June 3: *The Global Environment*: FLS Chapter 13

V. Looking Ahead

June 5: *The Future of International Politics*: FLS Chapter 14

June 10 (Monday.), 8-11 AM: *Final Exam*