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Course Description:

This course introduces students to the study of international politics. The actions and interactions of governments, groups and citizens is increasingly complex and interdependent. Knowledge of world affairs is a central element of the study of politics in the modern era. In this course, students will acquire the basic analytical tools necessary to understand and explain a variety of phenomena including war, terrorism, globalization, environmental cooperation, and human rights practices.

Course Requirements:

- **Discussion Section (45% of course grade):** An important part of the learning process in the course occurs while you are in discussion. Your grade is apportioned as follows:
  - **Attendance (10%):** You are required to attend your assigned discussion section.
  - **Participation (10%):** Read assigned portions of the textbook on time, then come to section and discuss what you have learned. Ideas are best grasped in context. Section allows you to review historical and current events and participate in a good debate.
  - **Quizzes (25%):** Quizzes are designed to ensure that you keep up with the reading, and to assess your knowledge of key concepts. Each quiz will consist of a brief set of short, factual questions (True/false, multiple choice, fill in the blank) based on the text.
  - **Mid-term (25% of course grade):** Essay exam, choice of questions. Bring exam book.
  - **Final Exam (30% of course grade):** Essay exam, choice of questions. Bring exam book.

Student Standards:

- **Plagiarism/Cheating:** You are encouraged to study and learn together. All assignments submitted for a grade must be the sole product of the person submitting the work. Tests or assignments that are suspected of containing materials that are not the student’s work or not properly referenced/cited will be referred to the academic integrity office. If you have any questions about what constitutes a violation of academic integrity, please refer to the University’s guidelines (Excel with integrity) and consult with your TA or myself.

- **Disabilities/life issues:** It is your responsibility to apprise your TA or myself of factors that may interfere with your performance in class well in advance of scheduled due dates for assignments. Appropriate measures will be taken in accordance with UCSD policies.

- **Grading/appeals:** All attempts to discuss grading decisions must be made in writing.
Readings:
The textbook for this course is available from the UCSD bookstore and elsewhere. Make sure to obtain the 3rd edition. My apologies for high textbook prices. You may purchase a used copy.


Students are also encouraged to familiarize themselves with major periodicals with a focus on international relations/foreign policy and follow the international section of major newspapers:
- Washington Post ([http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/world](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/world))
- Foreign Affairs ([http://www.foreignaffairs.org](http://www.foreignaffairs.org))
- Foreign Policy in Focus ([http://www.fpin.org/](http://www.fpin.org/))
- The National Interest ([http://www.nationalinterest.org](http://www.nationalinterest.org))
- Foreign Policy Association ([http://www.fpa.org/](http://www.fpa.org/))

Schedule of Topics and Readings

I. Conflict and Cooperation
   April 2 & 4: *Introduction and Historical Context*: FLS Introduction and Chapter 1
   April 9 & 11: *Interests, Interactions, and Institutions*: FLS Chapter 2

II. War and Peace
   April 16 & 18: *Why War?*: FLS Chapter 3
   April 23 & 25: *Domestic Politics and War*: FLS Chapter 4
   April 30: *International Institutions and War*: FLS Chapter 5
   May 2: *Non-state Actors*: FLS Chapter 6
   May 7: *Mid-term*

III. International Political Economy
   May 9: *International Trade*: FLS Chapter 7
   May 14: *International Financial Relations*: FLS Chapter 8
   May 16: *International Monetary Relations*: FLS Chapter 9
   May 21: *Development, Poverty and Growth*: FLS Chapter 10

IV. Transnational Politics
   May 23: *The Global Environment*: FLS Chapter 13
   May 28: ***No class, Memorial Day Holiday***
   May 30: *Transnational Networks*: FLS Chapter 11
   June 4: *International Human Rights*: FLS Chapter 12

V. Looking Ahead
   June 6: *The Future of International Politics*: FLS Chapter 14
   June 11: *Final Exam*: 8-10:59 AM (TBA)