This course explores major concepts and key research approaches in the field of international relations.

Course requirements:

Written: three five-page papers (each 25% of grade). Each paper will analyze critically one or more of the readings assigned for the week. Students select the readings for each paper. Papers are due 24 hours before the class in which the readings are assigned. Papers will be posted to Canvas and should be read by others in the course before each class. To distribute papers evenly across the weeks, please sign up here.

Class participation (25% of grade): All students are expected to attend every seminar and be prepared to discuss all the readings for that week and participate in the discussion.

Readings:

Readings are available through JSTOR, UCSD library subscription, or other online sources. For most, you will need a VPN connection to UCSD to access.

Week 1 (March 30): Paradigms and Progress in IR


**Week 2 (April 6): States as Units and the Levels of Analysis Problem in IR**


**Week 3 (April 13): The Environment: Anarchy, Hierarchy, and Sovereignty**


**Week 4 (April 20): Conflict with States as Unitary Actors**


**Week 5 (April 27): Cooperation with States as Unitary Actors & International Institutions**


Week 6 (May 4): Preferences, Interest Aggregation, and Foreign Policy


Week 7 (May 11): Leaders as Units of Analysis and the Assumption of Rationality


**Week 8 (May 18): No Class**

**Week 9 (May 25): Domestic Institutions/Organizations and International Behavior**


**Week 10 (June 1): International Change**


