



SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
INTP113 – INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

TRIMESTER 2 2010
12 July to 13 November 2010

Trimester dates

Teaching dates: 12 July 2010 to 15 October 2010

Mid-trimester break: 23 August to 5 September 2010

Study week: 18 October to 22 October 2010

Examination/Assessment period: 22 October to 13 November 2010

Withdrawal dates

Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds.aspx>

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Class times and locations

Lecture times (1): Monday, Tuesday, Friday – 12-12:50pm.

Lecture venue (1): MC101

Lecture times (2): Monday, Tuesday, Friday – 2:10-3:00pm.

Lecture venue (2): KK303

Course delivery

This course has three lectures and one tutorial per week. Tutorials begin in the second week of the trimester. Sign up online for a tutorial as soon as possible at:

<http://signups.victoria.ac.nz>

Communication of additional information

Additional information or information on changes will be conveyed to students via the class Blackboard page.

Course content

Why is the world divided into states? Why do some states get along harmoniously, while others engage in conflict? Can states organise themselves collectively to address global problems? In this course, we will address issues such as these by examining the different theories used by scholars of international relations to explain state behaviour. We will critically appraise a range of theories including realism, liberalism, constructivism, feminism and Marxism, and look at the way in which the international political economy impacts on and influences state behaviour.

Learning objectives

Students passing this course will:

- have a critical understanding of the core theories of international relations;
- have a critical understanding of the core concepts of international relations;
- develop their capacity for critical engagement with texts and other sources of information;
- know how to prepare and structure an essay that is cogent and persuasive;
- know how to conduct independent research;
- critically apply theoretical ideas to empirical data.

Expected workload

In accordance with the Faculty of Humanities and Social Science guidelines, the overall workload for this course is 200 hours.

Readings

Essential texts:

- Richard Devetak et. al. (eds.), *An Introduction to International Relations*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 2007.
- Readings for tutorials will be made available on Blackboard.

For the first two weeks of trimester all undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre foyer, while postgraduate textbooks and student notes will be available from the top floor of vicbooks in the Student Union Building, Kelburn Campus. After week two all undergraduate textbooks will be sold from vicbooks and student notes from the Student Notes Distribution Centre on the ground floor of the Student Union Building.

Customers can order textbooks and student notes online at www.vicbooks.co.nz or can email an order or enquiry to enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz. Books can be couriered to customers or they can be picked up from nominated collection points at each campus. Customers will be contacted when they are available.

Opening hours are 8.00 am – 6.00 pm, Monday – Friday during term time (closing at 5.00 pm in the holidays). Phone: 463 5515.

Assessment requirements

Students must submit an essay proposal and two essays (in both electronic and hard-copy formats), and sit the final examination, to meet course requirements.

All written assignments are to be handed in at the **drop-box** outside the Political Science Department office, 5th floor Murphy.

Essay Proposal (10% of final grade)

700-1000 words due on **Monday 2 August**.

Essay One (20% of final grade)

1,500-2,000 words due on **Tuesday 7 September**.

Essay Two (25% of final grade)

1,500-2,000 words due on **Monday 11 October**.

Final Examination (45% of final grade)

A three hour written examination will be held during the examination period: 22 October – 13 November 2010. The date and location of the examination will be announced when the timetable becomes available, typically halfway through the trimester.

Penalties

Students will be penalised for late submission of assessment – **a deduction of 5% for the first day late, and 2% per day thereafter, up to a maximum of eight days**. Assessment that

is more than eight days late can be accepted for mandatory course requirements, but it will not be marked (i.e. it will be awarded a mark of 0). Penalties may be waived, however, if there are valid grounds (for example, serious illness [presentation of a medical certificate will be necessary]). Students must approach their tutor to request a waiver of the penalty as soon as possible should they believe they are eligible.

Mandatory course requirements

To be eligible for a grade in this course each student must:

1. attend 80% of tutorials;
2. submit the essay proposal and both essays in hard copy and electronic format by the due date (with the proviso noted above under 'Penalties');
3. sit the final examination for the course.

Return of assignments

Assignments will be returned to students in their tutorials. If students fail to attend the relevant tutorial, they may pick up their essay from the Programme Office on the fifth floor between the hours of 2 and 3pm on Monday to Friday.

Class Representative

A class representative will be elected in the first class, and that person's name and contact details will be available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students.

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Academic integrity means that university staff and students, in their teaching and learning are expected to treat others honestly, fairly and with respect at all times. It is not acceptable to mistreat academic, intellectual or creative work that has been done by other people by representing it as your own original work.

Academic integrity is important because it is the core value on which the University's learning, teaching and research activities are based. Victoria University's reputation for academic integrity adds value to your qualification.

The University defines plagiarism as presenting someone else's work as if it were your own, whether you mean to or not. 'Someone else's work' means anything that is not your own idea. Even if it is presented in your own style, you must acknowledge your sources fully and appropriately. This includes:

- Material from books, journals or any other printed source
- The work of other students or staff
- Information from the internet
- Software programs and other electronic material

- Designs and ideas
- The organisation or structuring of any such material

Find out more about plagiarism, how to avoid it and penalties, on the University's website:
<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

Use of Turnitin

Student work provided for assessment in this course may be checked for academic integrity by the electronic search engine <http://www.turnitin.com>. Turnitin is an online plagiarism prevention tool which compares submitted work with a very large database of existing material. At the discretion of the Head of School, handwritten work may be copy-typed by the School and subject to checking by Turnitin. Turnitin will retain a copy of submitted material on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submissions is not made available to any other party.

GENERAL UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND STATUTES

Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied; see the *Victoria University Calendar* or go to the Academic Policy and Student Policy sections on:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy>

The AVC (Academic) website also provides information for students in a number of areas including Academic Grievances, Student and Staff conduct, Meeting the needs of students with impairments, and student support/VUWSA student advocates. This website can be accessed at:

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcademic/Publications.aspx

Lecture Schedule

NOTE: All readings are from the assigned text unless otherwise noted.

Date	Topics	Weekly Readings
12 July	What is international relations?	Introduction, pp. 1-16 Chapter 2, pp. 31-
13 July		
16 July		
19 July	Realism	Chapter 4, 'Realism', pp. 54-63 Chapter 3, 'Liberalism', pp. 43-53
20 July	Realism continued and Liberalism	
23 July	Liberalism continued	
26 July	Essay Writing + Research Guide	Chapter 5, 'Marxism', pp. 64-74 Chapter 6, 'Feminism', pp. 75-85
27 July	Marxism	
30 July	Feminism	
2 August	Constructivism and Post-Modernism Essay Proposal due 2 August	Chapter 8, 'Constructivism and Critical Theory', pp. 96-108 Chapter 7, 'Postmodernism', pp. 86-95
3 August	Post-Modernism	
6 August	Review of Theories	
9 August	Causes of War 1: Nationalism and The 'Clash'	Chapter 11, 'Nationalism and War', pp. 133-143
10 August	Causes of War 2: Democratic Peace Theory and Terrorism	
13 August	Causes of War 3: Terrorism continued and other causes of war	
16 August	International Institutions	Chapter 16, 'International Law', pp. 190-200 Chapter 29, 'Human Rights', pp. 340-349
17 August	International Law	
20 August	Human Rights	
MID-TRIMESTER BREAK: 23 AUGUST – 5 SEPTEMBER 2010		
6 September	Theoretical and Practical Approaches to IPE Essay 1 due 7 September	TBD
13 September	Economic Institutions: Formal and Informal Cooperation	Chapter 20, 'Multilateral Economic Institutions', pp. 237-247
20 September	Regionalism: The Asia-Pacific and Beyond	TBD
27 September	Globalisation(s): Theories, Critiques and Players	Chapter 21, 'Global Trade', pp. 248-259 Chapter 25, 'Globalisation and Its Critics', pp. 295-306
4 October	IPE of the Developing World and 'Emerging Market' States	Chapter 24, 'Global Poverty and Inequality', pp. 283-294
11 October	Review Essay 2 due 11 October	
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