

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
POLS-1600-02 Intro to International Politics  
3 Credit Hours

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concrete international situations. The course is organized into three broad sections: (1) history, methods, and theories of international politics, (2) actors in international politics, and (3) contemporary international relations issues of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This course fulfills the College of Arts & Sciences Global Citizenship requirement and the Political Science major and Foreign Service minor requirements.

II. ~~REQUIRED BOOK(S)~~ ~~RESEARCH~~ 01 50.4 377.59 Tm 9 G -0.036 Tc[(II.)] TJ ET Q q 0.00000912

- To provide the student with contextual understanding and sufficient factual background to assess international relations theories and concepts.
3. To discuss the essential elements in the governing process through illustrations from various political systems; and
4. To provide the necessary foundation for advanced courses in Political Science.



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In the event that several classes have been missed and students are unable to meet course objectives they should consult with the instructor and academic advisor about course extensions (see the [Incomplete Course](#) policy) or a course withdrawal (see [Course Withdrawal](#) policy).

Medical documentation may be required in cases of serious illness or medical conditions which impact a student's ability to participate in courses for an extended period.

In the event of a chronic medical condition or disability, students are strongly advised to contact the Dean of Students and/or the Office of Disability Services to explore potential accommodations.

## Authorized Absence Activities

As previously stated, in the event that several classes have been missed and students are unable to meet course objectives they should consult with the instructor and academic advisor about course extensions (see the [Incomplete Course](#) policy) or a course withdrawal (see [Course Withdrawal](#) policy).

Each instructor will excuse students from class for authorized activities (see below) and provide an opportunity to complete missed exams, quizzes, and other required work.

Students are responsible for all material covered in class and must work with each individual instructor as soon as they return to complete any required work.

Missed required work may be replef ... ‡ † „ ‹ f Ž – ‡ ” • f – ‹ ~ ‡ f • • ‹ % • • ‡ • – • f – – Š ‡ discretion.

Authorized activities and required documentation are defined as:

- Participation in Division 1 athletic games and associated travel (excluding practices);
- Appearances required as part of a Saint Louis University investigation/hearing;
- Short -term service with the military and/or First Responder (see the Military Policy for additional information and notification timeline)
- Legal obligation (e.g jury duty, required court appearance);

Official notification of required appearance.  
Religious Holiday Observance

2. The Office of the Provost, in consultation with Campus Ministry a discretion.





Students in personal or academic distress and/or who may be specifically experiencing challenges such as securing food or difficulty navigating campus resources, and who believe this may affect their performance in the course, are encouraged to contact the Dean of Students Office ([deanofstudents@slu.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@slu.edu) or 314-977-9378) for support. Furthermore, please notify the instructor if you are comfortable in doing so, as this will enable them to assist you with finding the resources you may need.

## COURSE EVALUATION

**As part of class participation, during the last week of the semester students will be reminded to complete an on-line course evaluation. Students will be notified when screens will be accessible for students to submit the evaluation.**

### VI. EVALUATION

#### A. Methods

Two quizzes (which will be announced days in advance), class participation, midterm and final examinations will be used in evaluating the performance of students.

1. Students will be required to take the midn, midterm and

since the appearance of the works by E. H. Carr and Hans Morgenthau, numerous theories have developed for the study of international politics/relations. We will examine three basic theories: Realism, Liberalism and Constructivism.

**Aug. 31** The Historical Context of Contemporary International Relations  
Reading(s): Essentials, pp. 19-32

**Sept. 2** H L V W R U \ R I , Q W H U Q D W L R Q D O 5 H O D W L R Q V F R Q W ¶ G  
The Cold War  
Reading(s): Essentials, pp. 32-59



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**Oct. 5 & 7** The International System: Views of Radicals, Constructivism;

Readings: Essentials, pp. 118-123

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**Oct. 12 & 14** The State and The Individual: International Relations Perspectives

Readings: Essentials, pp. 124-146

**Oct. 19** **MID TERM EXAM REVIEW**

**Oct. 21** **MID TERM EXAMINATION**

**Oct. 28** **Fall Break**

**Oct. 26 &** The Nation State

**Nov. 2** Definitions: Nation, State and Nation-State.

The Tools of Statecraft

Reading(s): Essentials, pp. 149-165

**Nov. 2** **Quiz 2**

Foreign Policy

In this segment of the course, we shall me

Historical Development  
Readings: Essentials, pp. 246-247

- Nov. 23** Functions and Sources of International Law  
Compliance and Enforcement  
Reading(s); Essentials, pp. 247-257  
Rochester, pp. 59-64
- Nov. 30** **Discussion: Is International Law Really Law, or a Charade?**  
**Class will be divided into two groups. Use lecture notes and Rochester, 1-48**
- Dec. 2 & 7** Law of the Sea (A Body of International Law)  
Conferences  
Issues and Management of Resources of the Deep Seabed  
Reading(s): Essentials, pp. 261-266
- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** **Last Day of class. Review for the finals.**
- Dec. 17** **Final Examination 8-9:50 am**