



#### 1V. LEARNING OUTCOMES

After taking this course, students will be able to:

Explain differences in the normative and scientific approaches to international politics;

Recognize and apply major concepts in the study of







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

Official notification from the Dean of Students or academic dean.

Upon request to and approval by the Dean of Students Office, students shall be given up to five consecutive days (not including weekends or holidays) of excused absence for bereavement.

## Absences

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## Authorized Absence Activities

**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**



If you wish to speak with a confidential source, you may contact the counselors at the University Counseling Center at 314-977-TALK. To view SLU's sexual misconduct policy and for resources, please visit the [Office of the General Counsel](#).

## **Disability Services**

Students with a documented disability who wish to request academic accommodations must contact [Disability Services](#) to discuss accommodation requests and eligibility requirements. Once successfully registered, the student also must notify the course instructor that they wish to access accommodations in the course.

Please contact Disability Services, located within the Student Success Center, at [Disability\\_services@slu.edu](mailto:Disability_services@slu.edu) or 314-977-3484 to schedule an appointment. Confidentiality will be maintained.

the Busch Student Center (Suite, 331). Students can visit the [Student Success Center](#) to learn more about tutoring services, university writing services, disability services, and academic coaching.

## University Writing Services

Students are encouraged to take advantage of University [Writing Services](#) in the Student Success Center; getting feedback benefits writers at all skill levels. Trained writing consultants can help with writing projects, multimedia projects, and oral presentations. University Writing Services offers one-on-one consultations that address everything from brainstorming and developing ideas to crafting strong sentences and documenting sources. For more information, visit the [Student Success Center](#) or call the Student Success Center at 314-977-3484.

## Basic Needs Security

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 OUTLINE

**Jan. 16**      Course Overview

Section 1: History, Approaches and Theories of International Politics/Relations

In this section, we examine some of the events that have shaped our ideas of international politics and international relations. We examine 3 methods used by political sciss 5Ls of international

during the Cold War?

- Jan. 25, 30** Tools Used by Political Scientists to Investigate Political Phenomena: Traditionalism, Behavioralism, and Post-Behavioralism  
Reading(s): Essentials: pp. 5-17  
Argyle, Nolan J., "Methods, "Science," and Politics: Modes of Analysis in Political Science" (will be sent to students via email)  
Study Questions:
1. Which is the oldest approach in the study of political science?
  2. Which approach to the study of international relations involves suggesting hypotheses about patterned interactions and empirically testing them?
  3. What was the "Behavioral Revolution" in the social sciences?
- Feb. 1, 6** Contending Theories of International Relations  
Definition of a theory and Ingredients of a theory  
Realism  
Liberalism  
Reading(s): pp. 71-82  
Study Questions:
1. Why do political scientists develop theories?
  2. The three most prominent theoretical approaches used to study international relations are.
  3. What do you understand by "anarchic" international system
  4. Why is competition among theories important?
  5. Theories are developed to help us do what?
  6. What is the difference between a theory and an hypothesis?
  7. What is democratic peace theory?
- Feb. 8, 13** Constructivism and The Radical Perspective: (Marxism, Dependency Theory, and Feminism) Essentials, pp. 83-94
- Feb. 15** Discussion: Theory in Action: Analyzing The Russia-Ukraine Conflict (2014 and Beyond) Essentials, pp.94-101
- Feb. 20** **Quiz 1**

Reading: Essentials, pp. 106-114

Study Questions:

1. The term international institutions is used by international relations scholars to refer to..  
(both formal organizations and treaties, p. 71 of Mingst & Co.)
2. The idea that the international system is “anarchic,” as posited by realists means that ...

**Mar. 5** The International System: Views of Radicals, Constructivism;  
Readings: Essentials, pp. 114-119

**Mar. 7** **Midterm Examination**

**Mar. 12, 14** **Spring Break**

**Mar. 19** The State: International Relations Perspectives and the State

Readings: Essentials, pp. 119-126

Study Questions:

1. Power can be described as...?
2. Intangible power sources include

