



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
FACULTY OF ARTS

POLI 381 L 01
Fall 2019
Introduction to International Relations

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COURSE DAY/TIME: M/W/F: 15h00 – 15h50
COURSE LOCATION: KNB 126
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Much of our knowledge of global politics is anchored by theoretical thinking. This course will thus explore classical and most recent developments in the field of theories of international relations. Our hope is to help students to organize and think critical about world events. We will examine how the field of global politics frames our theoretical understanding on international trade, global finance, multinational corporations, international development assistance, North-South relations, migration, the UN and global governance, international law, regional integration, the environment, international terrorism, and human rights. This course will be organized as lectures.

COURSE OBJECTIVES & LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Have a working knowledge of theories of international relations.
- Develop the essential concepts required for intelligent political analysis.
- Discuss current issues related with the topic.
- Use theoretical knowledge on real cases studies.
- Write a book review on a classical work in international relations.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK(S):

Daddow, Oliver. 2017. *International Relations Theory*. 3rd edition. New York: Sage Publishing.

All additional readings' references will be made available through D2L and can be access through the UCalgary library.

COURSE COMPONENT WEIGHTS AND DUE DATES:

COMPONENT	WEIGHTING	DUE DATES
Midterm	30%	Oct. 18, 2019
Final Paper	40%	Dec. 2, 2019
Final Exam	30%	Exam period Dec 9-19
Total	100%	

Schedule

Week	Date	Topics	Readings
1	Sept. 6	Introduction	Daddow: Chap 1
2	Sept. 9 – 13	Realism (classical)	Daddow: Chap 5
3	Sept. 16 – 20	Structural realism	Daddow: Chapter 6
4	Sept. 23 – 27	Realism (neoclassical revivalism)	Dueck (2013): D2L
5	Sept. 30 – 4	Classical Liberalism	Daddow: Chap 4
6	Oct. 7 – 16	Neoliberalism – Cooperation	Doyle (1986): D2L
7	Oct. 18	*** Midterm ***	
8	Oct. 21 – 25	Neoliberalism – Institutions	Kratochwil/Ruggie (1986): D2L
9	Oct. 28 – 1	Constructivism – Norms	Daddow: Chap 8
10	Nov. 4 – 7	Constructivism – international regimes	Ruggie (1998): D2L
11	Nov. 10 – 15	Fall term Break *** No classes ***	
12	Nov. 18 – 22	Constructivism – Practices	Adler/Pouliot (2011): D2L
13	Nov. 25 – 29	Feminism in global politics	Daddow: Chap 11
14	Dec. 2 – 4	Postcolonialism and Poststructuralism	Daddow: Chap 12-13

Disclaimer: The information in this Course Outline is subject to change; any changes will be announced in class.

ASSIGNMENT(S)

ESSAYS/RESEARCH PAPER

Reading and writing are necessary skills to develop in social sciences. For this assignment, you will choose one classic reading in the field of international relations theory and produce a reading review of the book. A list of reading will be provided to students on D2L. Students will be expected to submit an electronic copy via D2L. The paper's length should be of approximately 3500 words and will be due on **Dec. 2nd, 2019** before 23h59. More details will be provided in class and D2L.

MID-TERM EXAMINATION

The midterm exam will be done in-class. The exam will consist of short answers and will be scheduled for a duration of 50 minutes. The exam will be held on **Oct. 18th, 2019**.

FINAL EXAMINATION

Final exam will have a comprehensive format covering material from lectures and readings studied after the midterm. The exam will consist of both short and long answers and will be scheduled for a duration of 3 hours. The exam will take place during final exam period held between **Dec 9 – 19, 2019**. Do not make travel plans until after you know the official date of the final exam. No aids are permitted during the final.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

Written assignments are often required in Political Science courses, including this one, and the quality of writing skills, including but not limited to such elements as grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, clarity, citation, and organization, will be taken into account in the determination of grades. Students are encouraged to make use of the services offered through Writing Support Services in the Student Success Centre (3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library) or at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support>.

GRADE SCALE: The following grading scale will be used:

A+ (91-100)	B+ (77-79)	C+ (67-69)	D+ (55-59)
A (85-90)	B (73-76)	C (63-66)	D (50-54)
A- (80-84)	B- (70-72)	C- (60-62)	F (0-49)

LATE PENALTIES

Any assignment received after the due date will be subject to a late penalty of 5% per day. Please plan your work well ahead of time to avoid this.

INSTRUCTOR GUIDELINES

Students requiring assistance are encouraged to speak to the instructor during class or their office hours. Should you wish to meet outside of office hours, please telephone or email to make an appointment. It is to the student's advantage to keep such appointments.

Email is a common form of communication, but it is not always the most effective way of answering student questions. If you cannot make office hours, please request a one on one meeting outside of these hours.

Students are welcome to use laptops and other electronic note-taking devices in this course. Please be considerate of others and switch off all cell phones when you enter the classroom. Sending/receiving texts and browsing the Web is extremely disruptive to others and will not be tolerated.

IMPORTANT POLICIES AND INFORMATION

Supporting Documentation and the Use of a Statutory Declaration

As stated in the University Calendar:

Students may be asked to provide supporting documentation for an exemption/special request. This may include, but is not limited to, a prolonged absence from a course where participation is required, a missed course assessment, a deferred examination, or an appeal. Students are encouraged to submit documentation that will support their situation. Supporting documentation may be dependent on the reason noted in their personal statement/explanation provided to explain their situation. This could be medical certificate/documentation, references, police reports, invitation letter, third party letter of support or a statutory declaration etc. The decision to provide supporting documentation that best suits the situation is at the discretion of the student. Students cannot be required to provide specific supporting documentation, such as a medical note.

Students can make a Statutory Declaration as their supporting documentation (available at ucalgary.ca/registrar). This requires students to make a declaration in the presence of a Commissioner for Oaths. It demonstrates the importance of honest and accurate information provided and is a legally binding declaration. Several registered Commissioners for Oaths are available to students at no charge, on campus. For a list of locations to access a Commissioners for Oaths, visit ucalgary.ca/registrar).

Falsification of any supporting documentation will be taken very seriously and may result in disciplinary action through the Academic Discipline regulations or the Student Non-Academic Misconduct policy.

This statement is accessible at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/m-1.html>

Please note that while the form of supporting documentation provided is at the discretion of the student, the instructor has the discretion not to accept the supporting documentation if it does not corroborate the reason(s) given for the exemption/special request.

Absence From a Mid-term Examination:

Students who are absent from a scheduled term test or quiz for legitimate reasons are responsible for contacting the instructor via email within 48 hours of the missed test to discuss alternative arrangements. A copy of this email may be requested as proof of the attempt to contact the instructor. Any student who fails to do so forfeits the right to a makeup test.

Deferral of a Final Examination:

Deferral of a final examination can be granted for reasons of illness, domestic affliction, and unforeseen circumstances, as well as to those with three (3) final exams scheduled within a 24-hour period. Deferred final exams will not be granted to those who sit the exam, who have made travel arrangements that conflict with their exam, or who have misread the examination timetable. The decision to allow a deferred final exam rests not with the instructor but with Enrolment Services. Instructors should, however, be notified if you will be absent during the examination. The Application for Deferred Final Exam, deadlines, requirements and submission instructions can be found on the Enrolment Services website at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams>.

Appeals:

If a student has a concern about the course or a grade they have been assigned, they must first discuss their concerns with the instructor. If this does not resolve the matter, the student then proceed with an academic appeal. The first step in an academic appeal is to set up a meeting with the Department Head. Appeals must be requested within 15 days of receipt of the graded assignment.

University Regulations:

Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the University policies found in the Academic Regulations sections of the Calendar at www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-regs.html.

Student Accommodations:

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/.

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

Plagiarism And Other Forms Of Academic Misconduct:

Academic misconduct in any form (e.g. cheating, plagiarism) is a serious academic offence that can lead to disciplinary probation, suspension or expulsion from the University. Students are expected to be familiar with the standards surrounding academic honesty; these can be found in the University of Calgary calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>. Such offences will be taken seriously and reported immediately, as required by Faculty of Arts policy.

Copyright Legislation:

As stated in the University of Calgary Calendar, Academic Regulations, “students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright and requirements of the copyright act to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorised sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.” <https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/acceptable-use-of-material-protected-by-copyright.pdf> and

<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html>

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP):

FOIP legislation requires that instructors maintain the confidentiality of student information. In practice, this means that student assignment and tests cannot be left for collection in any public place without the consent of the student. It also means that grades cannot be distributed via email. Final exams are kept by instructors but can be viewed by contacting them or the main office in the Department of Political Science. Any uncollected assignments and tests meant to be returned will be destroyed after six months from the end of term; final examinations are destroyed after one year.

Evacuation Assembly Points:

In the event of an emergency evacuation from class, students are required to gather in designated assembly points. Please check the list found at www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints and note the assembly point nearest to your classroom.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources:

For program planning and advice, visit the Arts Students' Centre in Social Sciences 102, call 403-220-3580 or email artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit arts.ucalgary.ca/advising for program assistance.

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit their office in the MacKimmie Library Block.

Important Contact Information:

Campus Security and Safewalk (24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year)
Phone: 403-220-5333

Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Students' Union Representatives
Phone: 403-220-6551
Email: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca
Students' Union URL: www.su.ucalgary.ca

Graduate Students' Association
Phone: 403-220-5997
Email: askgsa@ucalgary.ca
URL: www.ucalgary.ca/gsa

Student Ombudsman
Phone: 403-220-6420
Email: ombuds@ucalgary.ca

Campus Mental Health Resources:

SU Wellness Centre: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/>
Campus Mental Health Strategy: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/>