

Political Science 103b
International Politics
Professor Nate Jensen

Description

This course examines the existing theories of international relations and explores their relevance within the study of international relations and international political economy.

Expectations

Students are expected to attend all lectures and complete the required readings **before** the lecture. Course readings will help clarify lecture material in crucial respects. Material from both the lectures and the readings will be on the exams.

Grading

The formal breakdown is as follows:

Exam 1:	20% of course grade
Exam 2:	20% of course grade
Exam 3:	20% of course grade
Exam 4:	20% of course grade
Exam 5:	20% of course grade

All exams will be in-class and consist of multiple choice, matching, and short answer questions covering material from both the **readings** and **lectures**. **EXAMS WILL NOT BE CUMULATIVE.**

Attendance

Attendance is required. In a class this large, I cannot take attendance every day. To ensure attendance, there will be few trick questions on the exam to weed out the student that come to class and those who don't. You'll see.

Make-up Exam Policy

By enrolling in this course you are entering into a contract to take the five scheduled exams. In the exceptional circumstances that you will miss an exam we will be required to take a makeup exam. Ekaterina Raskova will coordinate make-up exams.

Grades

A+ 97-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69	Fail! 59 and below
A 93-96	B 83-86	C 73-76	D 63-66	
A- 92-90	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	D- 60-62	

Credit

Students may take this course as Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit. The threshold for a passing grade or credit is a C or above. Earning a grade below C will result in no credit.

Cheating on Exams

Don't do it. See WashU's policy.

<http://www.wustl.edu/policies/undergraduate-academic-integrity.html>

Grade Complaints

Students who think they have received an unfair grade for one of the exams should write a formal, one page memo summarizing the nature of their complaint and why s/he feels his or her work warrants a higher grade. We take grading very seriously, thus grade complaints should not be made casually. Email all grade complaints to Scott Seefeldt at saseefel@artsci.wustl.edu.

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READINGS

There are three required books for the course.

1. Karen Mingst. *Essentials in International Relations* (3rd Edition)
New York: Norton
ISBN 0-393-92448-3
2. Joseph Nye. *Understanding International Conflicts* (5th Edition)
New York: Longman
ISBN 0-321-20945-1
3. Thomas Oatley *International Political Economy*
New York: Pearson-Longman
ISBN 0-321-07661-3

All other readings for this class can be accessed either via Electronic Reserve or from the course website. To access these readings at Electronic Reserve follow these steps:

1. Go to: <http://eres.wustl.edu/>
2. Select: SEARCH for COURSE MATERIALS
3. Select “Jensen, Nathan” under “Select an Instructor”
4. Select “Pol Sci 103: International Politics”
5. The password is “nations”

New York Times

All students are required to read the Monday through Friday *New York Times* International Section. Each exam will contain a small set of current affairs questions selected from these readings.

A limited number of *New York Times* are available on campus. The *New York Times* also offers free on-line subscription. Finally, students may sign up for a reduced price print edition of the *Times*. I will email you information on signing up for this subscription.

Electronic Reserve

A few readings will be on Electronic Reserve. The password is “nations.”

Power Point

I will use Power Point slides in my lectures. A large percentage of the exam questions will come from these slides. I will not make these slides available. You are expected to attend class and take notes.

COURSE SCHEDULE

International Relations: Intro

Jan 20 (Th)	Hello	
Jan 25 (T)	Wesphalian State	Mingst 25-35, Nye 1-20

International Relations Theory

Jan 27 (Th)	Realism	Mingst 57-62, 65-71, Nye 58-83
Feb 1 (T)	Liberalism	Mingst 62-65, Nye 85-110
Feb 3 (Th)	Other Theories (Review)	Mingst 71-80
Feb 8 (T)	EXAM 1	

Levels of Analysis

Feb 10 (Th)	System Level Explanations	Mingst 83-99, Nye 33-56
Feb 15 (T)	State Level Explanations	Mingst 101-135
Feb 17 (Th)	Subnational Explanations	Mingst 137-157
Feb 22 (T)	Movie: Dr. Strangelove	Nye 112-151
Feb 24 (Th)	EXAM 2	

Cooperation in Theory and Practice

Mar 1 (T)	Individuals and I.R.	Why Nations go to War 1-52 (ERes)
Mar 3 (Th)	No Class (Watch the movie "Wage the Dog")	CMR Reading (ERes)

Mar 8 (T)	SPRING BREAK!	
Mar 10 (Th)	SPRING BREAK!	

Mar 15 (T)	Cooperation	Evolution of Cooperation 3-24, 73-87 (ERes) Online Materials (Nice examples of game theory): http://serendip.brynmawr.edu/playground/pd.html http://www.econs.ecel.uwa.edu.au/235/IIT/gt_sexes.html
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Mar 17 (Th)	Regimes	Mingst 217-250
Mar 22 (T)	Regimes in Practice	Handout (ERes)
Mar 24 (Th)	EXAM 3	

International Political Economy

Mar 29 (T)	The Trade System	Oatley 18-75 Online Materials: http://nova.umuc.edu/~black/compad00.html
Mar 31 (Th)	Trade Protectionism	Oatley 75-123
Apr 5 (T)	Monetary System	Oatley 220-267
Apr 7 (Th)	Exchange Rate Policy	Oatley 267-313
Apr 12 (T)	EXAM 4	

Issues in International Relations

Apr 14 (Th)	Finance and the “South”	Oatley 313-361
Apr 19 (T)	Trade and the “South”	Oatley 123-170
Apr 21 (Th)	Multinational Corporations	Oatley 170-220
Apr 26 (T)	Terrorism/Class Wrap-up	Nye 217-239
Apr 28 (Th)	EXAM 5	