

Introduction to International Relations – 2023 Spring C
INR2002-01
Monday 9:30-10:45

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to introduce the student to the theories and major developments in world politics, with special reference to the place of the United States in the world community.

CREDIT HOURS: 3

TEXTBOOK

World Politics: Trend and Transformation with Mindtap Access by Kegley and Blanton

This can be purchased as part of a Cengage Unlimited Subscription

SUPPLIES

- ✓ An email account and internet access is **necessary**.

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The following chart offers students a consistent way to see how CF's global learning outcomes are assessed in each class. This is for information only and does not change the grading system used in this class.

Institutional Learning Outcomes	Quiz	Exam	Project/ Paper	Classroom Activity	Service Learning
Critical Reasoning: The student will reflect, analyze, synthesize, and apply critical thinking.					
1. State question at issue.			x		
2. Identify purpose of argument.			x		
3. Identify the ideas and concepts, information and data, and the use of such in the argument.			x		
4. Identify assumptions, bias, and point of view of information presented.			x		
5. Create plausible solutions and implications of solutions.			x		
6. Evaluate (Steps 1-5) and revise if needed.			x		
Communication: The student will read, write, speak, and listen effectively.					
1. Read materials and effectively understand essential facts and concepts.	x	x	x	x	
2. Write an organized document that communicates effectively and appropriately for the situation.			x		
3. Listen actively to comprehend main ideas and essential details.	x	x	x	x	
4. Express clear, well-organized ideas through oral communication.				x	
Global Socio-Cultural Responsibility: The student will be an informed and responsible citizen in social, cultural, and global matters.					
1. Demonstrate an understanding of the values and	x				

expressions of other cultures that arise from human experience.					
2. Identify scientific principles underlying human influence upon the Earth and its inhabitants.	X				
3. Recognize complex historical, cultural, economic, and political forces that create societies as well as how these forces shape personal identity.	X				
4. Understand the local and global connections among power, knowledge, gender, and class.	X				
Computer & Information Skills: The student will be able to evaluate the importance of technology and its applications.					
1. Organize data or information using appropriate electronic media.	X	x	x		
2. Access, research, and retrieve information using the Internet.	X	x	x		
3. Communicate with others using electronic media.				x	

GRADING POLICY

Mindtap Exercises	35%
Mid Term Examination	15%
Final Examination	15%
Papers*	30%
Quizzes	5%

*Gordon Rule requirement

FINAL GRADE SCALE

A = 90%-100%
B+ = 87%-89%
B = 80%-86%
C+ = 77%-79%
C = 70%-76%
D = 60%-69%
F = 59% and under
FF = failure due to violation of academic integrity

ATTENDANCE

Punctual and regular attendance is expected in this course. This is a lecture hybrid course, as such failure to attend class will likely result in a lower grade for the course. **Failure to attend at least 50% of class meetings in person will result in automatic failure for the course.** If you are experiencing a situation that is impacting your attendance it is **vital** you speak to me about it as soon as possible. As per school policy, attendance will be recorded and reported for each class meeting. This will be done via sign in sheet or roll call. If a sign in sheet is utilized it is your responsibility to make sure your name is on the sign in sheet for that day. Failure to sign the sheet or do so legibly will result in your being marked absent for that class meeting.

GORDON RULE

This is a Gordon rule course. As a Gordon Rule class, this course includes a significant writing component. Per state policy, the quality of student writing must demonstrate substantive writing at a C level or higher proficiency in order to earn a C grade or higher in this course as a whole. **This means that you must have a C average for the three papers assigned in this course. If you do not, you will not earn higher than a D regardless of the overall course average.** Please note that merely submitting all papers will not guarantee you a C average for the papers. Also, failure to submit all three position papers will be considered as not fulfilling the Gordon Rule requirement for this course regardless of overall paper average.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

Late assignments will not be accepted except at the sole discretion of the instructor. Documentation may be necessary. All assignments must be typed. If a student does not have a word processor on his or her personal computer, he or she is expected to utilize one of the computer labs. No assignments will be accepted after the final class meeting. NOTE- the final exam day is NOT considered a class meeting for this purpose.

CANVAS

This course utilizes the CANVAS system available to you via MyCF under the "Academics" tab. All course lectures and examinations will be posted in this system. This system also features a secure email system which will allow you to discuss your grade with the instructor without violating FERPA. This will be the primary method of communicating with me and I with you. It is also where I keep your grades and where you submit most of your assignments. Be sure to check your CANVAS course site often as this is where important class information will be posted. Any issues regarding the system such as login etc. should be directed to distance learning ext. 1317. This system can be accessed remotely so you can use it at home. If you do

not have internet access you will be expected to utilize the computer labs available on campus.

EXAMINATIONS

All examinations for this class will be administered online via the Canvas system available through MyCF system. Exams will be proctored utilizing Honorlock. Exams must be taken during the time they are available on the course website. No makeup examinations will be given except in extreme circumstances as determined solely by the instructor. All material covered in class as well as in the assigned reading is considered "fair game" for the examinations. Examinations may be administered in any method the instructor deems appropriate, including multiple choice, matching, short answer, essay etc. Exam reviews, both before and after the exam will be administered at the sole discretion of the instructor.

HONORLOCK

Honorlock will be utilized for the proctoring of the midterm and final online examinations taken on or off campus. There will not be a cost to the student for this, but a webcam will be required- your integrated camera should be sufficient. If you prefer to take the exam in a CF testing center that is acceptable as well. However, due to physical distancing restrictions access to the testing center will be limited, so you will need to schedule that with the testing center ahead of time. Scheduling time with the testing center is the sole responsibility of the student.

QUIZZES

Quizzes will be given throughout the semester. These quizzes will be taken via the Canvas system. Quizzes will be announced in class meetings, and will close no more than two days after they open, and may close the same day that they open. Any course material, including readings and videos, can be used in the quizzes. In addition to the quizzes described above occasional attendance quizzes will also be given. These quizzes will be given on random days during the semester's course meetings. They will be given at any time during the class meeting and you must be present in the class when the quiz is given to receive credit for the quiz. These quizzes will be graded on a completion basis. These quizzes cannot be made up. The grades for these quizzes will be averaged together with the regular quizzes for grade calculation purposes.

MINDTAP

Each week's module will contain homework from the Mindtap course shell. You will be able to access this from Canvas, but you must purchase a Mindtap code to be able to do so. All work assigned must be completed during that week. Late work will not be accepted.

Cengage grants a courtesy access period for a maximum of 7 calendar days to allow students time to purchase the correct Cengage access code. The 7 calendar days for the courtesy access period is established by Cengage and cannot be changed. After the courtesy access period ends, you will not be able to access any graded content in Mindtap or complete any graded work in Mindtap until a valid access code for this course is entered in Mindtap. Any graded work that you are not able to complete before the assignment's closing time (due to not entering a valid Mindtap access code for this course in Mindtap) receives a zero and cannot be completed after receiving a zero.

CENGAGE UNLIMITED

This course's textbook is from Cengage. If any of your other courses use Cengage material I recommend you consider signing up for Cengage Unlimited. This is a subscription based service for all Cengage material. The cost is \$120 per semester or \$180 per academic year and includes access to all Cengage material. See the bookstore for further information. Please note that while Mindtap access is required for this course, you are not required to purchase Cengage Unlimited for this course if you do not desire to do so.

PAPERS

Each student will submit three 1250 word position papers complete with proper APA style citation and bibliography. Please note that the bibliography and title page do not count towards the 1250 word requirement. In addition, the following requirements apply for each paper:

- Handed in on the date due
- Correct spelling, grammar, and formatting.
- Proper use of in-paper citations
- 12-point font in a normal style (i.e. Times New Roman, Arial, Verdana, Courier New)
- Double-spaced.

To prevent plagiarism, I reserve the right to submit your papers to a turnitin.com dropbox or any other plagiarism detection method I deem necessary. While the submission of a rough draft of your papers is not required, I encourage you to submit one for my review before you submit your final copy- no less than two weeks prior to the final due date. This is so I have adequate time to review the rough draft. In addition, I will be available for assistance and will be happy to make an appointment to assist you.

For each paper, I would like you to pick an appropriate topic and analyze the issue and react to it. As such, some personal reflection is appropriate, but it

is expected that a significant amount of each paper will be fact based information from reliable outside sources. Your topic for each paper does not need to be approved by me, but must fall into the general category listed below.

Paper 1- International Relations Theory (realism, idealism, liberalism, etc)
Paper 2- State Case Study
Paper 3- International Issue (terrorism, human rights, global climate change, etc.)

Each paper will be submitted via a dropbox on the Canvas website. As with the current event journals, the papers must be saved in .doc, .docx or .rtf format. I cannot open any other format. If I cannot open the file it may result in a zero grade for the assignment.

As these papers constitute the Gordon Rule component of the course, a C average for these papers must be maintained or else you will not receive a passing grade for the course regardless of overall average. In addition all three papers must be completed. Failure to do so will result in a failing grade for the course due to non-fulfillment of the Gordon Rule. This is a state policy that I cannot overrule.

NOTE ON SOURCES:

It is your responsibility to verify the information in the sources you utilize in your essays and presentation. Be cautious when using online sources. Wikipedia is not to be used as a source due to its open editing policy. Use of Wikipedia will result in a lower grade for that assignment. This includes using Wikipedia and using their citations.

GRADES

The instructor will post the student's grades in the Canvas course shell. It is the responsibility of the student to keep track of his/her own grades. Students are encouraged to check their grades under the Reports tab in Canvas for accuracy **before** the last day of regular class sessions. (The final exam date is NOT a regular class session) Students must contact the instructor before this date if there are questions or potential errors that need adjusting. After the last day of regular class sessions, it may be too late to make any changes to grades posted under the Canvas gradebook.

EXTRA CREDIT

Do not expect extra credit opportunities for this course. In the unlikely event that extra credit is offered it is at the sole discretion of the instructor and will be offered to the entire class. Individual extra credit will **NOT** be

offered. Extra credit, if offered, cannot be made up. Cheating on extra credit will result in the same penalty as cheating on a normal assignment.

RECORDING OF LECTURES

Course lectures may be recorded for class purposes only. A student shall not, without my express authorization, make or receive any other type of recording, including but not limited to other types of video recordings, of any class, co-curricular meeting, organizational meeting, or meeting with me. You do not have permission to post recordings on the web. Further you do not have my permission to post my class lectures/course materials on the web.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Violation of academic integrity (including but not limited to attempts at cheating or plagiarism) will not be tolerated. In addition to the policies listed under the "College Policies" in the Canvas shell, academic integrity violations will result in a minimum of an automatic zero for the assignment (no make-up) and may result in automatic failure for the course at the instructor's sole discretion.

COMMUNICATING WITH THE INSTRUCTOR

I will have a General Questions discussion board available for you in the Canvas shell. This is where I will post course announcements. If you have a question about the syllabus, the reading, an assignment or exam, this would be the place to ask it. Likely another student has the same question so it will be available to them as well. However, please keep in mind this is a PUBLIC forum, so anything that is personal in nature that you need to communicate to me should be done via the email system WITHIN Canvas. This is a completely private system, only I can see the message (as long as you send it to just me).

When you send a message either through the General discussion board or through the Canvas email system, please allow 48 hours for a response during the week. For messages sent after 12:00 on Fridays you may not receive a response until the following Monday.

COURSE COMMUNICATION

When communicating with the instructor and fellow students on the discussion boards or email, proper formatting, grammar and spelling are expected. So called internet speak or texting language is not appropriate for these environments. You are expected to treat your fellow students and instructor with respect and proper decorum in these discussion posts and emails. Your posts are not anonymous, and improper conduct will result in a warning and possible further action as necessary.

COLLEGE POLICIES

In the Canvas course shell there is a section in the Navigation titled "College Policies". Please review those policies as they are a part of this syllabus.

CLASSROOM POLICIES

- Proper respect will be given to the instructor and your fellow students.
- Cell phones and beepers are not to be used in the classroom. Turn off or silence cell phones and beepers before you enter the classroom.
- Texting is not allowed in the classroom.
- Use of "smart phones" is prohibited.
- Drinks are permissible but must be kept in a bottle or cup with a lid. Food is not permitted.
- When communicating with the instructor via email, proper formatting, grammar and spelling is expected.
- Any visitor to the class must be cleared with the instructor.
- Laptop usage is restricted to class purposes only, and may be restricted further up to and including prohibition if the instructor has determined that this policy has been violated.
- Children are not allowed in classrooms.
- Failure to observe the policies stated in this syllabus, the college handbook and by the instructor will result in removal from the classroom. You will not be allowed to return to the class until you have met with the college administration. Further violations will result in expulsion from the course with the appropriate grade.

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RIGHT TO CHANGE SYLLABUS

If necessary, some components of this syllabus may change. However, any such changes will be announced to the students in class and online. The student is responsible for any such announced changes. Absences, excused or unexcused, do not release the student of this responsibility.