

Department	International College of Liberal Arts		
Semester	Spring 2026	Year Offered (Odd/Even/Every Year)	Every Year
Course Number	PSCI230		
Course Title	International Relations		
Prerequisites	PSCI100 Introduction to Political Science		
Course Instructor	HARAGUCHI Koji	Year Available (Grade Level)	1
Subject Area	Political Science	Number of Credits	3
Class Style	Lecture	Language of instruction	English

(NOTE 1) Depending on the class size and the capacity of the facility, we may not be able to accommodate all students who wish to register for the course

Course Description	<p>Cap (registrant capacity): 25 students</p> <p>The globalization of national security, economy, society, culture, and politics has altered the traditional ways international relations have been conducted and studied. As more actors have acted globally and more issues have transnational causes and effects, studying international relations is both exciting and challenging at the same time. Understanding international relations also has become an essential requirement not only for politicians and scholars but also for citizens living in the age of globalization. The course will introduce the studies of international relations and help the students make some sense of the complicated reality of today's world. It will begin with (i) major concepts and theoretical frameworks of international relations, with which the students can analyze specific issues and cases featured in the later parts of the course, then proceed to (ii) the studies of international security featuring such issues as war, terrorism, nuclear weapons, arms control, and PKOs, and conclude with (iii) the studies of international political economy, including international trade and finance, regional integration, development, environment, immigration, media, and culture.</p>
Class plan based on course evaluation from previous academic year	The number of the quizzes will be reduced from 4 to 3 so that the students spend more time on other major assignments.
Course related to the instructor's practical experience (Summary of experience)	Not applicable
Learning Goals	Students in this course will (i) develop an understanding of and interest in the major issues of international relations (ii) be familiar with major theoretical frameworks of International Relations, (iii) understand the history of modern diplomacy, (iv) the significance of regional economic and security institutions, (v) be able to develop and express, in both oral and written form, their own opinion on, analysis of, and possible solutions for major issues in international relations based on political science theories and credible sources of information. (vi) respect cultural, national, and social diversities and collaborate with individuals with different backgrounds.

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(DP1) To Value Knowledge – Having high oral and written communication skills to be able to both comprehend and transfer knowledge

(DP2) To Be Able to Adapt to a Changing World – Having critical, creative, problem-solving, intercultural skills, global and independent mindset to adopt to a changing world

(DP3) To Believe in Collaboration – Having a disposition to work effectively and inclusively in teams

(DP4) To Act from a Sense of Personal and Social Responsibility – Having good ethical and moral values to make positive impacts in the world

Active Learning Methods	Discussion, Debate/Group Work				
More details/supplemental information on Active Learning Methods	The course requirements include class discussions on reading assignments and group debates on the major topics of current issues.				
Use of ICT	The course will use a learning management system, UNIPA, to receive course materials, to submit assignments, to view scores of and comments on submitted assignments, to contact the instructors and other students, to engage in group works, to view the attendance records, and more. To ensure access to course materials and the full functions of UNIPA, students should use a laptop, or tablet computer, not a smartphone. The use of electronic devices may be restricted in case the instructor finds that the students are not engaging in class.				
Contents of class preparation and review	Outside class sessions, the students are required to finish reading assignments, take open-book quizzes, prepare for the debates, to write the . After submission of the theory application paper, the student will have an individual meeting with the instructor to receive feedback.	Hours expected to be spent preparing for class (hours per week)	3 hours	Hours expected to be spent on class review (hours per week)	2 hours
Feedback Methods	Grading and feedback on assignments will be primarily done on UNIPA. Upon request, the instructor will be available for additional comments and discussion through e-mail exchanges or during regular office hours. Please make an appointment for consultation outside office hours.				

Grading Criteria		
Grading Methods	Grading Weights	Grading Content
Quizzes	25%	3 open-book quizzes based on the textbook and other reading assignments
Midterm examination	20%	In class examination on IR theories
IR Theory application paper & individual feedback session	30%	Analytical essay on a specific issue using two competing IR theories
Debate	25%	Group debate on selective current issues

Required Textbook (s)	Pevehouse and Goldstein, International Relations 12th ed. or later (Boston: Pearson, 2020)
Other Reading Materials/URL	Art & Jervis, International Politics 14th ed. (Roman& Littlefield, 2023) Carlsnaes, Risse, and Simons, Handbook of International Relations 2nd ed. (Los Angeles, CA: Sage, 2013) Reus-Smit, C., and D. Snidal, The Oxford Handbook of International Relations (Oxford, UK, Oxford University Press, 2008) * Both required and recommended books will be reserved in the Course Reserve Section (貸出禁止図書) in the YGU Library. Because of the dynamic nature of the course subject, additional or alternative academic and magazine articles and book chapters will be assigned to fit the times of the course and be available on UNIPA

Plagiarism Policy	The course follows the Plagiarism Guidelines of iCLA. "Plagiarism is the unauthorized duplication or reproduction of another author's reports, academic papers, or other published works, when represented as one's own original work without reference to the source..... At iCLA, plagiarism is regarded as a dishonest practice, the results of which are unworthy of evaluation. Whether intentional or unintentional, acts of plagiarism lead to strict punishments equivalent to those given to students who are found guilty of dishonest practices during examinations or any other forms of evaluated work." For more details, please consult the section of Plagiarism Guidelines in the Student Handbook. The use of artificial intelligence should follow the AI Policy Syllabus Statement in general and the assignment instructions for details.
Other Additional Notes (Outline crucial policies and info not mentioned above)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *All students considering taking the course are required to attend the first session. *Class attendance is mandatory. The absence from class discussions, debates, and other in-class assignments will have negative impacts on your course grade and make-up opportunities will not be offered, unless it is an excused absence. *The use of electronic devices may be restricted in case the instructor finds that the students are not engaging in class. *The course is a prerequisite for PSCI/ECON275, PSCI311, PSCI320, PSCI330, PSCI/JPNA 355

(NOTE 2) Class schedule is subject to change

Class Schedule	
Class Number	Content
Class 1	Course Overview *All students considering taking the course are required to attend the first session.
Class 2	Introduction Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 1 *Selection of debate topics
Class 3	I. THEORIES OF INTERNTIONAL RELATIONS Theory 1: Realism Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 2 Mearsheimer, J. (2024). Who Caused the Ukraine War? John's Substack Morgenthau. Six Principles of Political Realism (Art & Jervis)
Class 4	Theory 1: Realism Waltz. The Anarchical Structure of World Politics (Art & Jervis) Walt. Alliances: Balancing and Bandwagoning (Art & Jervis)
Class 5	Theory 2: Liberalism Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 3 Doyle. Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs (Art & Jervis) Keohane. International Institutions: Can Interdependence Work (Art & Jervis) Kupchan, C. A., & Kupchan, C. A. (1995). The Promise of Collective Security. International Security, 20(1), 52-61.
Class 6	Theory 3: Constructivism Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 4 Sterling-Folker, J. (2006) Constructivism from Making Sense of International Relations Theory (pp. 115-122). Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publisher Wendt. Anarchy is What States Make of It (Art & Jervis)
Class 7	Theory 4: Feminism Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 4 Kauppi, M. & Viotti, P. (2023) Feminist Understandings in IR Theory in International Relations Theory
Class 8	Theory 5: Marxism/ Economic Structuralism Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 4 Kauppi, M. & Viotti, P. (2023) Economic Structuralism: Global Capitalism and Postcolonialism in IR Theory in International Relations Theory
Class 9	Theory Review Snyder, J. (2004). One World, Rival Theories. Foreign Policy (145), 53-62. Betts, R. (2010). "Conflict or Cooperation?: Three Visions Revisited" Foreign Affairs, 89(6), 186-194. (Recommended) Jervis, R. (2002). Theories of War in an Era of Leading-Power Peace. American Political Science Review, 96(1), 1-14 JSTOR

Class 10	<p>II INTERNATIONAL SECURITY International Conflict Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 5</p>
Class 11	<p>Military Forces Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 6 Schelling. Diplomacy of Violence (Art & Jervis)</p>
Class 12	<p>Military Forces Posen, B. (2006). We Can Live with a Nuclear Iran. New York Times. Shultz, G. P., Perry, W. J., Kissinger, H. A., & Nunn, S. (2008). Toward a Nuclear-Free World. Wall Street Journal, 251(12)</p>
Class 13	<p>III. INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY International Organizations Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 7</p>
Class 14	<p>International Organizations Hoffman. The Use and Limits of International Law (Art & Jervis) Video: On Our Watch (PBS Frontline)</p>
Class 15	<p>Global Economy & International Trade Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 8 Gilpin. The Nature of Political Economy (Art & Jervis)</p>
Class 16	<p>Global Finance Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 9 Wade. The Western Slump and Global Reorganization (Art & Jervis)</p>
Class 17	<p>Regional Integration and Globalization Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 10 Keohane, R. and Joseph Nye, Jr. (2000). Globalization: What' s New and What' s Not (And So What?)” Foreign Policy (118), 104-119 Borzel, T. (2013). Comparative Regionalism: European Integration and Beyond in Sage Handbook of International Relations, 2nd ed.</p>
Class 18	<p>Environment and Population Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 11 Hardin. Tragedy of the Commons (Art & Jervis)</p>
Class 19	<p>Environment and Population United Nations (2022) The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2024</p>
Class 20	<p>The North-South Gap Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 12</p>
Class 21	<p>The North-South Gap Drenzer. D. The Irony of Global Economic Governance: The System Worked, from Mingst, K., Snyder, J., and McKibben, H. Essential Readings in World Politics 7th ed. 2. (New York, W.W. Norton, 2019)</p>
Class 22	<p>International Development Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 13</p>

Class 23	<p>International Development Honke, J. and Ledere, M. Development and International Relations (Carlsnaes, Risse, & Simons) Easterly, W. (2007). The Ideology of Development. Foreign Policy (161), 30-35.</p>
Class 24	<p>Human Rights and Immigration Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 12 & 13 Howard, R and Donnelly, J. Human Rights in World Politics (Art & Jervis) UNHCR (2024) Global Trends- Forced Displacement in 2023</p> <p>*Issue Paper Submission</p>
Class 25	<p>Global Health: COVID19 and other health issues Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 12 Zakaria, F. (2020, October 6). The pandemic upended the present. but it's given us a chance to remake the future. The Washington Post.</p>
Class 26	Debate 1
Class 27	Debate 2
Class 28	Debate 3
Class 29	Debate 4
Class 30	<p>Conclusion: Future of International Relations Pevehouse & Goldstein Chapter 14 Bremmer, I. (2018) US vs. Them: The Failure of Globalism</p>