The University of Oklahoma  
College of Continuing Education  
Advanced Programs – Course Syllabus

Course Title:  
International Relations Theory

Course Number:  
PSC 5513-102

Course Description:  
PSC 5513 is an advanced graduate seminar that surveys the major theoretical traditions of the political science sub-field of international relations (IR). I have chosen topics largely on the basis of what comprise the most important theoretical issues in the field. The resulting course centers around the oldest and (in one manifestation or another) the still most popular theoretical tradition in the field: realism. From there we explore alternatives to the realist perspective, including liberalism, neoliberal intuitionism, constructivism, and the English school. In the broadest of terms, this course thus examines the roles of power, institutions, individuals, and ideas in international relations.

Class Dates, Location and Hours:  
Dates: February 4-10, 2013  
Hours: Mon-Fri 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sat 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: January 6, 2013

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Professor availability: The professor will be available via e-mail to students before and after the class sessions. On-site office hours are half an hour before and after each class session, by appointment.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:  
Student materials are available at the Follett/AP Bookstore located in the Oklahoma Memorial Union, 900 Asp Ave., Norman, OK. Orders can be placed online at www.oklahomaunion.bkstr.com or by telephone at 866-369-9713 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-5960 (outside the U.S.). E-mail orders may be sent to oklahomaunion@bkstr.com. Representatives are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST on Friday. Summer hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST. Faxed orders may be placed 24 hours a day to 866-223-5607 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-7140 (outside the U.S.). (Text prices are available online.)


4. Materials posted on the OU Desire to Learn (D2L) system: Access D2L at [http://learn.ou.edu](http://learn.ou.edu); enter your OU NetID (4+4) and password, and select course to access material. Please contact your local Site Director if you require assistance.

Note: The Follett/AP Bookstore is the Advanced Programs contractual textbook provider. Should text changes become necessary after publication of the course syllabus, Advanced Programs will facilitate text returns/refunds only for texts purchased through the Follett/AP Bookstore.

**Course Objectives:**

As a graduate seminar, this class has four goals: First, to provide the student with a thorough understanding of the theories, concepts and methods of international relations; second, to provide you with the tools to think theoretically; third, to help you gain confidence speaking in front of your peers; finally, to prepare you for future coursework, research and exams in the field of IR.

This course will be largely student-driven. For each lesson there will be an accompanying set of discussion questions posted on the course webpage (Desire2Learn, or “D2L”). In addition to helping you guide and focus your reading of the assignment, these questions will also form the basis of our in-class discussion. All students are expected to participate in class discussions.

**Course Outline:**

1. The Realist Tradition
2. Levels of Analysis & Structural Realism
3. Classic Liberalism
4. Neo-Liberal Institutionalism
5. The English School & Constructivism

**Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:**

All material should be read before the class meetings. Unless otherwise indicated, readings should be read in the order listed. Readings to be found in the course packet are indicated below. It is highly advisable to get started reading this material and working on the analytical essay before the class starts. Guidelines for the analytical essay are posted on D2L.

- **First Day of class:**
  - The Realist Tradition
  - Doyle, *Ways of War and Peace*, Part I

- **Second Day of class:**
  - Levels of Analysis & Structural Realism
  - Waltz, *Man, the State and War*, all

- **Third Day of class:**
  - Classic Liberalism
  - Doyle, *Ways of War and Peace*, Part II
• Fourth Day of class:
  o Neo-Liberal Institutionalism
  o Keohane, *After Hegemony*, Chs. 1, 3-8
  o **Analytical Essay Due**

• Fifth Day of class:
  o The English School and Constructivism
  o Linklater, “The English School” (packet)
  o Copeland, “A Realist Critique of the English School” (packet)
  o Wendt, “Anarchy is what States make of it” (packet)

• Last Day of class:
  o Continuation of assignments
  o **In-Class Final Examination**

Grading: This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F.

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NOTICE: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy.

Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended make the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Honesty

Honesty is a fundamental precept in all academic activities and … [you] have a special obligation to observe the highest standards of honesty. Academic misconduct in any form is inimical to the purposes and functions of the University and is therefore unacceptable and is rigorously proscribed. Academic misconduct includes:

- cheating (using unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise), plagiarism, falsification of records, unauthorized possession of examinations, intimidation, and any and all other actions that may improperly affect the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement; assisting others in any such act; or attempting to engage in such acts.

All acts of academic misconduct will be reported and adjudicated as prescribed by the student code of the University of Oklahoma. All students should review the “Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity” found at http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity

Accommodation Statement

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Course Policies

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Education

- 2005  Ph.D., Political Science, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE, Subfields: International Relations, Political Theory, Dissertation: In Extreme Cases Only: Humanitarian Intervention in Theory, Law, and Practice
- 2004  Certificate, International Human Rights Law, Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands
- 2001  M.A. Political Science, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA.
- 1999  B.A. Political Science, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS

Current Positions

- Advanced Programs Professor since 2007
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and School of International and Area Studies, University of Oklahoma

Frequently Taught Advanced Programs Courses

PSC 5543: International Organizations and Regimes

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest

- International Law and Organization
- International Human Rights
- International Ethics
- International Relations Theory
- Military Intervention
- US Foreign Policy

Representative Publications and Presentations


Representative Honors and Awards Received

- Junior Faculty Research Grant, OU Research Council, 2006
- Research Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities/Oklahoma Humanities Council, 2006
- Phi Beta Delta Outstanding International Scholar Award (for US Citizen), 2004
- Human Rights and Human Diversity Dissertation Fellowship, University of Nebraska, summer 2003 ($5000)
- Donald F. Othmer Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Nebraska, 2001-2004
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 1997

Major Professional Affiliations

- International Studies Association
- American Political Science Association
- American Society of International Law
- International Studies Association – Midwest
- Southern Political Science Association