PS 61A: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Purpose

This course is intended as an introduction to both the theory and the practice of international relations. Students will be expected to attain a firm grasp of major concepts (and controversies) in IR theory as well as of the most important historical events that have shaped our modern nation-state system. If the course succeeds, students should be able to assess critically the various theories of international relations in light of the empirical evidence that they have mastered.

Requirements

Class will meet from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Packard Hall Conference Room. There will be a mid-session quiz (worth 30% of the final grade) on 9 June, and a final examination (worth 50%) on the last day of class, 25 June. Students are expected to do all the assigned readings as well as participate in class discussions, which will count for the remaining 20% of the final grade.

Readings

The following books (indicated in bold in the Course Outline) should be purchased at the Tufts Bookstore:

2. Thucydides. *The Landmark Thucydides*
3. Phil Williams, Donald Goldstein & Jay Shafritz: *Classic Readings and Contemporary Debates in International Relations*

The rest of the readings will either be available on Trunk, or have URL's (below) for downloading.
COURSE OUTLINE

WEEK ONE

21 May: Introduction

WEEK TWO

26 May: No Class (Memorial Day Holiday)

28 May: Thucydides

- **Thucydides**: Book One, all (pp. 3-85); Book Two, ¶’s 1-65 (pp. 89-128); Book Three, ¶’s 36-50 (pp. 175-184); Book Five, ¶’s 84-116 (pp. 350-357); Book Six, ¶’s 1-32 (pp. 361-379)

WEEK THREE

2 June: The Three Images of IR

- **Williams, Goldstein & Shafritz**: pp. 260-262 (Waltz), 263-268 (Gilpin)
- **Art & Jervis**: pp. 35-56 (Waltz); 111-124 (Doyle); 125-136 (Walt)
- Henry Kissinger: *American Foreign Policy*, Part One (pp. 9-50)

4 June: Conflict or Cooperation?

- **Williams, Goldstein & Shafritz**: pp. 320-330 (Keohane); 336-351 (Puchala)
- **Art & Jervis**: pp. 76-90 (Oye); 151-158 (Keohane); 265-281 (Gilpin)
WEEK FOUR

9 June: Nationalism and Imperialism

- **Williams, Goldstein & Shafritz**: pp. 73-76 (Hobson)
- Nathaniel Hawthorne: "The May-Pole of Merry Mount" (360-370)
- Alexander Hamilton: *Federalist Papers*, Nos. 6 (27-33), 11 (63-70), 23-25 (145-162)

**QUIZ**

11 June: The 20th Century – A Century of War

- **Williams, Goldstein & Shafritz**: pp. 33-36 (Wilson); 98-105 (Waltz); 268-271 (Herz); 272-280 (Jervis); 420-424 (Brodie); 424-428 (Wohlstetter); 506-521 (Gaddis)

WEEK FIVE

16 June: Post-Cold War Security


18 June: Post-Cold War Security (Cont.)

- **Art & Jervis**: pp. 377-393 (Jervis); 393-402 (Art); 523-535 (Waltz)
- **Williams, Goldstein & Shafritz**: pp. 581-600 (Huntington); 600-623 (Kaplan)
WEEK SIX

23 June: Intervention and Ethics

- **Art & Jervis**: pp. 422-429 (Barnett & Snyder); 429-436 (Downes); 437-449 (Howard & Donnelly)

- **Williams, Goldstein & Shafritz**: pp. 660-666 (Krasner); 667-675 (Hoffmann)


25 June: A New World Order after September 11?

- **Art & Jervis**: pp. 214-232 (Pape)

- **Williams, Goldstein & Shafritz**: pp. 675-692 (Bunn); 700-707 (Brooks & Wohlforth); 707-716 (Nye)


FINAL EXAM