

POL-204.01

Introduction to International Relations

Spring 2008

Time and Location: MWF 10:00 to 10:50 Dickey Hall 240

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Required Text:

Shimko, Keith L. 2008. *International Relations: Perspectives and Controversies*.
Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company.

Student Learner Outcomes:

- 1.) Explain, in written and oral form, the evolution of the modern state system culminating in the Treaty of Westphalia, 1648.
- 2.) Demonstrate, by citing global capital flows, global production and marketing, transstate transmission of disease, crime, and terrorism, the decline of the modern state since 1973.
- 3.) Analyze, in written and oral form, interstate relations in the 21st Century through the prism of one of the primary international relations paradigms.

Course Description:

This course studies relationships among nation-states, the operation of international organization, international law, and transnational forces.

Academic Integrity

Any violation outlined in parts 1. and 2. of the attached FACULTY STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY will not be tolerated. In particular any cheating on exams, quizzes, class projects, or any instance of plagiarism will result in a notice of misconduct that will be sent to the Office of the Registrar and/or failure for the project. Any additional instances of cheating and/or plagiarism will result in a grade of "F" for the course.

Furthermore, students must attend each and every class in this course during the semester (see also **Attendance Policy**). If some emergency should arise that will make you late or cause you to miss a class, you are to notify me before class starts.

Attendance Policy:

Per *The Lincoln University Bulletin*, the attendance policy consists of the following:

1. Four absences may result in the automatic failure in the course.
2. Three tardy arrivals may be counted as one absence.
3. Absences will be counted starting the first class meeting following the last day of official registration as per the University calendar.
4. In case of illness, death in the family, or other extenuating circumstances, the student must present documented evidence of inability to attend classes to the Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Student Life. However, in such cases the student is responsible for all work missed during those absences.
5. Students representing the University in athletic events or other University sanctioned activities will be excused from class with the responsibility of making up all work and examinations. The Registrar will issue the excuse format to the faculty in charge of the off-or-on-campus activity for delivery by the student(s) to their instructor.

Assignments and Grading:

I will determine your grade by your performance on the following:

FOUR-PAGE PAPERS: 50%
 You will write a typed, double-spaced essay on a chapter (see class schedule). The paper should have one-inch margins left, right, top, and bottom. Each essay is worth a maximum of ten percent of your grade. In order to link your chapter summary to current or recent events, you must use such online sources as *The New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Miami Herald*, *Dallas-Morning News*, and *CNN*.

MIDTERM: 25%
 The midterm will cover chapter one through seven and will consist of an in-class essay.

FINAL: 25%
 The final will be comprehensive and will be an in-class essay.

The following scale will be used for the calculation of final grades:

A 95-100; A-, 90-94; B+, 87-89; B, 84-86; B-, 80-83; C+, 77-79; C, 74-76; C-, 70-73; D+, 67-69; D, 64-66; F, 63 or less.

Tentative Class Schedule (Dates refer to when assignments are due)

January 11	pp. 12-26 in Shimko text
January 14-18	pp. 26-43 Write a four-page essay that summarizes the emergence of state sovereignty and ties and that links the concept of state sovereignty to a current or recent event. Examples of current and/or recent issues that are linked to the concept of state sovereignty include IGOs, free trade areas, and humanitarian intervention (#1).
January 21, 23	pp. 44-54
January 25	pp. 55-86
January 28, 30	pp. 69-78
February 1	pp. 79- 96 Write a four-page essay that summarizes war, “human nature,” and the possible causes of war. Also, link the chapter on war with a summary of news articles on wars occurring in the world in your essay. Speculate on whether these wars are a result of an innate “human nature” or whether they are a result of specific social and political conditions that are malleable (#3).
February 4, 6	pp. 97-110
February 11	pp. 110-119
February 13	pp. 120-130
February 15	pp. 130-145 Write a four-page essay that summarizes the power politics view of international relations and the alternatives to the power politics viewpoint. Also link the concept of power politics to current or recent events. For instance, does your reading of the news point to a relationship between power politics and the issue of nuclear nonproliferation? Is China a potential threat or contributor to world peace? These are two possible current issues that can be linked to the concept of power politics (#3).
February 18, 20	pp. 146-154

February 22,25	pp. 154- 169
February 27	Midterm (#2) (#3)
March 3	pp. 170-180
March 5	pp. 180-194
March 7	pp. 195-208
March 10	pp. 208-220 Write a four-page essay that summarizes the process of globalization and that links globalization to trends in the evolution of the global corporation, global markets, or the diminishing sovereignty of states especially states in developing regions. Conclude your essay with your thoughts on whether globalization spells the end of state sovereignty (#2).
March 12	pp. 221-229
March 14	pp. 229-244
March 17	pp. 245-255
March 19, 24	pp. 256-268 Write a two-page essay on the United Nations and humanitarian intervention. Include in your essay your opinion of which value is paramount: human rights and conflict resolution or state sovereignty.
March 26, 28	pp. 269-278
April 2	pp. 278-292
April 4, 7	pp. 293-303
April 9	pp. 303-316
April 11	pp. 317-327
April 14,16	pp. 327-347
April 18	Review for final. (#1) (#2) (#3)