



Please anticipate that we will cover these central themes:

- 1) Theoretical Concepts such as Realism, Neo-realism, Liberalism, Neo-liberalism, and Constructivism
- 2) Key Terms used in the study of International Relations (IR)
- 3) Foreign Policy and Levels of Analysis
- 4) Nationalism
- 5) Globalism and Transnationalism
- 6) How the State Governs and How Political Power is Deployed
- 7) Global and Regional Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs)
- 8) International Law and Human Rights
- 9) War and its Levels of Analysis
- 10) International Political Economy

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## Requirements

**Attendance:** The College of Arts and Sciences **requires** that its professors take attendance. During class meetings, the instructor will introduce the scheduled topic and indicate how it relates to the overall course objectives. The lectures require active and informed student participation. As such, it is imperative that you attend. Also, students should read the assigned texts closely to prepare for focused classroom exchanges.

Attendance is **mandatory** given this is our class's structure. Since presentations will complement and supplement the assigned reading, you will miss a great deal if you are absent. *Only reading the text and/or relying on power point presentations will not be enough.* Attendance is also mandatory for all exams & quizzes.

**Quizzes:** There will be **TWO** quizzes in this course. They will consist of fill in the blank, multiple choice, and true-false statements. The purpose of these exercises will be for you to demonstrate your understanding of International Relations. **The make-up of the individual quizzes will be detailed in the classes before the evaluation.** *No make-up quizzes* will be given so it is important that you are present for the quizzes on the scheduled days. The quizzes are scheduled for **Thursday, September 29** and **Tuesday, November 22**. Review sheets will also be distributed in advance so that students can prepare.

**Mid-Term Exam:** You will have an in-class mid-term examination, which will consist of multiple choice, true/false, and short answers, on **Tuesday, October 25**. A review sheet will be handed out in advance so that students can prepare sufficiently.

**Final Exam:** The cumulative final exam, which will consist of multiple choice, true/false, and short answer questions is scheduled for **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** between 7:45am-10am. A review sheet will be distributed on the final class meeting so that students can prepare adequately.

**Extra Credit:** There is no extra credit in this course. You will have ample opportunities to demonstrate your talents.

**Evaluation & Assessment:**

This course's assessment will be distributed accordingly:

- 1) Attendance: 10-percent
- 2) Quizzes: 30-percent (15% each)
- 3) Mid-Term Exam: 30-percent
- 4) Final Exam: 30-percent

**Grading Scale:**

A: 93-100, A-: 90-92  
B+: 87-89, B: 83-86, B-: 80-82  
C+: 77-79, C: 73-76, C-: 70-72  
D+: 67-69, D: 60-66  
F: Below 60

**Required Texts:** (Available at KSU Student Center Bookstore, Dubois & Campus Supply)

John T. Rourke and Mark A. Boyer, *International Politics on the World Stage*, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition (New York: McGraw-Hill, 2010). Referenced henceforth as *IP*.

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**Notes & Disclaimers:**

- 1) Help: If you are having problems with this course, the readings, or the evaluations I urge you to come to my office hours. If those times are not convenient for you, please call my office (330-672-8922) or email me ([jstacher@kent.edu](mailto:jstacher@kent.edu)) and I will gladly schedule an appointment to suit your schedule. Whatever you do, **DO NOT** wait until it is too late to get help from the professor.
- 2) Decorum: Everyone is entitled to say whatever he/she wishes in the classroom. My job is to facilitate a welcoming forum for us to exchange ideas. Thus, I will not tolerate insulting or intimidating statements or behavior towards your fellow colleagues in class.
- 3) Accessibility Services: University policy 3342-3-01.3 requires that students with disabilities be provided reasonable accommodations to ensure their equal access to course content. If you have a documented disability and require accommodations, please contact the instructor at the beginning of the semester to make arrangements for necessary classroom adjustments. Please note, you must first verify your eligibility for these through Student Accessibility Services (contact 330-672-3391 or visit [www.kent.edu/sas](http://www.kent.edu/sas)<<http://www.registrars.kent.edu/disability/>> for more information on registration procedures).
- 4) Registration Requirement: The official registration deadline for this course is September 7, 2008. University policy requires all students to be officially registered in each class they are attending. Students who are not officially registered for a course by published deadlines should not be attending classes and will not receive credit or a grade for the course. Each student must confirm enrollment by checking his/her class schedule (using Student Tools in FlashFast) prior to the deadline indicated. Registration errors must be corrected prior to the deadline.
- 5) Administrative Policy and Procedures Regarding Student Cheating and Plagiarism:

*Condensed Version*

Cheating and plagiarism constitute fraudulent misrepresentation for which no credit can be given and for which appropriate sanctions are warranted and will be applied.

The university affirms that acts of cheating and plagiarism by students constitute a subversion of the goals of the institution, have no place in the university and are serious offenses to academic goals and objectives, as well as to the rights of fellow students.

"Cheat" means to intentionally misrepresent the source, nature, or other conditions of academic work so as to accrue undeserved credit, or to cooperate with someone else in such misrepresentation. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

1. Obtaining or retaining partial or whole copies of examinations, tests or quizzes before these are distributed for student use;
2. Using notes, textbooks or other information in examinations, tests and quizzes, except as expressly permitted;
3. Obtaining confidential information about examinations, tests or quizzes other than that released by the instructor;
4. Securing, giving or exchanging information during examinations;
5. Presenting data or other material gathered by another person or group as one's own;
6. Falsifying experimental data or information;
7. Having another person take one's place for any academic performance without the specific knowledge and permission of the instructor;
8. Cooperating with another to do one or more of the above;
9. Using a substantial portion of a piece of work previously submitted for another course or program to meet the requirements of the present course or program without notifying the instructor to whom the work is presented; and
10. Presenting falsified information in order to postpone or avoid examinations, tests, quizzes, or other academic work.

"Plagiarize" means to take and present as one's own a material portion of the ideas or words of another or to present as one's own an idea or work derived from an existing source without full and proper credit to the source of the ideas, words, or works. As defined, plagiarize includes, but is not limited to:

- a. The copying of words, sentences and paragraphs directly from the work of another without proper credit;
- b. The copying of illustrations, figures, photographs, drawings, models, or other visual and nonverbal materials, including recordings of another without proper credit; and
- c. The presentation of work prepared by another in final or draft form as one's own without citing the source, such as the use of purchased research papers.

**Academic Sanctions**

The following academic sanctions are provided by this rule for offenses of cheating or plagiarism. Kent campus instructors shall notify the department chairperson and the student conduct office each time a sanction is imposed. Regional campus instructors shall notify the regional campus dean and the student conduct officer each time a sanction is imposed. Regional campus student conduct officer shall notify the Kent student conduct office each time a sanction is imposed by a regional campus Instructor. The following academic sanctions are provided by this rule for offenses of cheating or plagiarism. In those cases the instructor may:

1. Refuse to accept the work for credit; or
2. Assign a grade of "F" or zero for the project, test, paper, examination or other work in which the cheating or plagiarism took place; or
3. Assign a grade of "F" for the course in which the cheating or plagiarism took place; and/or;
4. Recommend to the department chair or regional campus dean that further action specified in the rule be taken. The department chairperson or regional campus dean shall determine whether or not to forward to the academic dean or to the vice president for the extended university a recommendation for further sanction under this rule.

**Academic Appeals**

The general principle that applies to the following procedures is that an appeal is directed to the administrative level immediately above the unit from which the appeal emanates.

Appeals are limited to the following reasons:

- a. The decision is arbitrary or unreasonable,
- b. The decision resulted from a procedural error,
- c. The decision is not in accordance with the facts presented,
- d. New information is available which may suggest modification of the decision.

For complete policy and procedure go to [www.kent.edu/policyregister3342-3-01.8](http://www.kent.edu/policyregister3342-3-01.8).

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## Course & Reading Schedule

T 8/30            Class 1: Syllabus distribution and course introduction

### Why Studying International Relations Matters

H 9/01            Class 2: Introduction, Ch. 1, (pgs. 1-14)

### Theories & Levels of Analysis

T 9/06            Class 3: IR Theories, Ch. 1, (pgs. 14-29)

H 9/08            Class 4: Levels of Analysis: The Individual, Ch. 3 (pgs. 55-65)

T 9/13            Class 5: Levels of Analysis, State and System, Ch. 3 (pgs. 65-79)

### Nationalism, Globalism, & Transnationalism

H 9/15            Class 6: Understanding Nations & Nationalism Ch. 4 (pgs. 80-90)

T 9/20            Class 7: Nationalism in Practice, Ch. 4 (pgs. 90-101)

H 9/22            Class 8: Globalism and Globalization, Ch. 5, (pgs. 102-114)

T 9/27            Class 9: Transnationalism, Ch. 5, (pgs. 115-130)

H 9/29            Class 10: **Quiz 1** (Concepts, Themes, & Definitions)

T 10/04            Class 11: Film, Part 1: *Once Brothers*

H 10/06            Class 12: Film, Part 2 & Discussion: *Once Brothers*

### The National State & Political Power

T 10/11            Class 13: The State: Approaches to Governance Ch. 6 (pgs. 131-141)

H 10/13            Class 14: How Power Works & Diplomacy Ch. 6 (pgs. 141-158)

T 10/18            Class 15: The Future of the State Ch. 6 (pgs. 158-167)

Review for Mid-Term

H 10/20            Class 16: Mitchell, "The Limits of the State" on Vista, Discussion

T 10/25            Class 17: **Mid-Term Examination**

H 10/27            Class 18: **NO Class** (Professor is at a Research Workshop)

### **Beyond the State**

- T 11/01      Class 19: IGOs: History, Growth, & Global IGOs Ch. 7 (pgs. 168-194)  
H 11/03      Class 20: Regional IGOs Ch. 7 (pgs. 194-206)  
T 11/08      Class 21: International Law Ch 8 (pgs. 207-226)  
H 11/10      Class 22: Human Rights Ch. 8 (pgs. 226-239)  
T 11/15      Class 23: Film: *The Devil Came on Horseback*

### **War and Global (in)Security**

- H 11/17      Class 24: War and its Levels of Analysis, Ch. 9 (pgs. 240-262)  
T 11/22      Class 25: **Quiz 2** (Concepts, Themes, & Definitions)

H 11/24      **No Class: Thanksgiving Break**

- T 11/29      Class 26: Global and International Security, Ch. 9 (pgs. 262-281)  
H 12/01      Class 27: **NO Class** (Professor is at a Professional Conference)

### **International Political Economy (IPE)**

- T 12/06      Class 28: Economic Nationalism, Ch. 10 (pgs. 282-294)  
H 12/08      Class 29: The World Economy: North-South Divide, Ch. 10 (pgs 294-311)

The Final Exam will be on **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** between 7:45am-10am.

**Good Luck this Semester!**