

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON
Te Whare Wananga o te Upoko o te Ika a Maui



School of History, Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations

Political Science & International Relations Programme

COURSE OUTLINE

**INTP-113: Introduction to International Relations
(CRN 14478 (L2) and 15376 (L3))
Trimester II 2008**

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Lecture Time(s)/Location(s):

CRN	From/To	Days	Time	Building	Room
14478 (L2)	7 July – 17 Aug 2008 1 Sept – 12 Oct 2008	Mon, Tue, Fri	10:00-10:50	Maclaurin	LT103
15376 (L3)	7 July – 17 Aug 2008 1 Sept – 12 Oct 2008	Mon, Tue, Fri	15:10-16:00	Maclaurin	LT103

Tutorials:

Tutorials will commence in the second week of the term.

Sign up for tutorial at <https://signups.victoria.ac.nz>

Aims and Objectives:

The course is designed to introduce students to the ongoing theoretical debates and practices within the subfield of political science known as *International Relations*. Upon completion of this course, students are expected to:

- have a general knowledge of the major issues in world politics;
- be familiar with the terminology of IR;
- understand the theoretical debates that influence international practice;
- be well prepared for further study within the field of IR.

Required Books:

- Joshua S. Goldstein and Jon C. Pevehouse, *International Relations*, 4th Brief Edition, (Pearson Longman, 2008) ISBN: 0-321-49541-1; and
1. Christopher LaMonica, *International Politics: The Classic Texts*, 2nd Ed., (Kendall-Hunt, 2007) ISBN: ISBN: 0-7875-4261-9 or 2nd Ed. Revised (2008).

Note: There are many editions of the Goldstein text and a 1st edition of the LaMonica text. We will be using the **4th Brief Ed** (2008) of Goldstein and the **2nd Ed** (2007) and/or **2nd Ed Revised** (2008) of LaMonica. Both of these books are now available at the VicBooks.

Course Content:

INTP 113 is divided into three parts: I) International Relations Theory and Practice; II) International Political Economy; and III) Current Debates in IR.

I. International Relations Theory & Practice:

Part I is an introduction to the principle terminology used in IR study as well as the theoretical underpinnings of IR practice, starting with Realism and Idealism. To do this, we discuss the historical development of *ideas* and *terminology* in International Relations, including such concepts as the sovereign state, national interest, war and diplomacy, and consider the relevance of theories on conflict and cooperation to practice in international politics. Following this, we look beyond the traditional “political” debates of IR to consider other perspectives (e.g. historical structuralism, feminism, postmodernism, constructivism) on global issues, such as: global poverty, development and underdevelopment, the global environment, human rights and terrorism. This first part of the course will take-up about half of the trimester and is intended as an introduction to the “core” of the field, i.e. the content is considered particularly important for students planning on continuing with IR study.

II. International Political Economy:

Part II is a brief introduction to theoretical debates and practices within the subfield of International Political Economy. In particular, this part of the course surveys the background and politics of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, World Trade Organisation (WTO) and other key international economic organizations. NB: For those who are particularly interested in IPE, the Programme offers INTP 247: International Relations: Wealth & World Affairs during the regular academic year; beyond that there are, of course, economics courses here at Victoria and an honours course in IPE within the Programme.

III. Current Debates in IR:

Finally, Part III reviews some of the recent contributions to the study of IR. The purpose of this last section is to whet students’ appetite for further study in the field! In addition, course offerings within the Programme are briefly discussed; this might include brief guest lectures from other IR faculty.

Expectations:

It is expected that students stay on top of the assigned reading, attend lecture, and attend/participate in tutorial activities. While active participation in tutorial is not required in this 100-level course, we will be paying attention to student attendance.

Additional Information:

Any additional information related to the course will be announced in lecture and posted on Blackboard.

Mandatory Course Requirements:

- a) Take the scheduled midterm and final examination;
- b) Submit the research paper; and
- c) Attend a minimum of 7 tutorials.

PLEASE NOTE that **10 October** is the FINAL DATE on which any written work can be accepted by the Programme, since this is the date on which we must determine whether students have met the course requirements. This means that the provision for late submission with a penalty does not apply beyond this date. Permission to submit work after 10 October must be sought in writing from the Head of Programme, and will only be granted for serious medical reasons (supported by medical certificate), or in case of serious personal crisis.

NB: A student who has obtained an overall mark of 50% or more, but failed to satisfy a mandatory requirement for a course, will receive a K grade for that course, while a course mark less than 50% will result in the appropriate fail grade (D, E or F).

WORKLOAD

In accordance with Faculty Guidelines, this course has been constructed on the assumption that students will devote 12 hours per week to INTP 113. This includes three 50 minute lectures and one 50 minute tutorial per week.

Assessment:

a) Midterm: (30%)

The Midterm is a closed-book test scheduled for Tuesday, 12 August 2008 during the scheduled lecture times and will determine 30% of the overall grade. The test, of two hours in duration, will contain three types of questions, including: short answers to terminology (terms emphasized in the reading and in lecture), short essays (on thematic issues); and a few, very general, current events questions (mentioned in lecture). It is expected that the responses to questions be “informed,” i.e. that they include concepts and terminology from the material covered in lectures and the assigned reading. In the event of a serious hardship, a make-up / substitute test will be arranged at a suitable time *after* the date of the test and *before* the date of the final examination. Such hardship, however, must be properly evidenced by relevant authorities (e.g. a medical doctor) and brought to the attention of the lecturer in a timely manner.

b) Research paper: (20%)

Each student is required to submit a research paper by 17:00 (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, 26 September 2008. The paper will consist of 2000 words (maximum) and will make up 20% of the overall grade. Requests for extension will not normally be considered except in circumstances of serious and adequately documented hardship.

c) Final exam: (40%)

This is a three-hour closed-book exam scheduled for the Examination Period 17 October – 8 November 2008 (exact date, time and venue TBA.) and will constitute 40% of the overall grade. The exam may contain various types of questions, including especially essays, but also short answers on IR terminology and multiple choice. Students will be examined on all material covered in the lectures and assigned readings from the textbooks. Further information about the exam will be provided toward the end of the trimester.

d) Tutorial and Research Paper Proposal: (10%)

Each week, with the exception of the first week and the mid-trimester break (18–31 August 2008), there is a scheduled tutorial. Students are expected to attend these: Tutorial attendance and the one-page research paper proposal (due 5 Sept. 2008) constitute 10% of the grade (a composite mark for this 10% will be assigned by tutors at the end of the trimester).

Penalties

Students will be penalised for late submission of written work. There will be a deduction of **5% for the first day late**, and **2% per day** thereafter, up to a **maximum of 8** days. Work that is more than 8 days late can be accepted for mandatory course requirements but will not be marked.

However, penalties may be waived if there are valid grounds (for example, illness [presentation of a medical certificate will be necessary] or similar other contingencies).

Academic integrity and plagiarism

Academic integrity is about honesty – put simply it means *no cheating*. All members of the University community are responsible for upholding academic integrity, which means staff and students are expected to behave honestly, fairly and with respect for others at all times.

Plagiarism is a form of cheating which undermines academic integrity. The University defines plagiarism as follows:

The presentation of the work of another person or other persons as if it were one's own, whether intended or not. This includes published or unpublished work, material on the Internet and the work of other students or staff.

It is still plagiarism even if you re-structure the material or present it in your own style or words. It is however, perfectly acceptable to include the work of others as long as that is acknowledged by appropriate referencing.

Plagiarism is prohibited at Victoria and is not worth the risk. Any enrolled student found guilty of plagiarism will be subject to disciplinary procedures under the Statute on Student Conduct and may be penalized severely. Consequences of being found guilty of plagiarism can include:

- an oral or written warning
- cancellation of your mark for an assessment or a fail grade for the course
- suspension from the course or the University.

Find out more about plagiarism, and how to avoid it, on the University's website:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

General University policies and statutes

Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied; see the *Victoria University Calendar* available in hardcopy or under "about Victoria" on the Victoria homepage at:

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/calendar_intro.html

Information on the following topics is available electronically under "Course Outline General Information" at: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/newspubs/universitypubs.aspx#general>

- Student and Staff Conduct
- Academic Grievances
- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism
- Meeting the Needs of Students with Impairments
- Student Support

Part I: International Relations Theory and Practice

Week One

Monday, 7 July 2008

Tuesday, 8 July 2008

Friday, 11 July 2008

Introduction/Administrative Matters (Tutorial sign-up, etc.)

- The Study of IR;
- Realism vs. Idealism;
- IR terminology.

Assigned Reading: Goldstein, Chs 1 & 2 (start); LaMonica, Chs. 1 (preview!), Ch. 2.

NOTE: No tutorials this week.

Week Two

Monday, 14 July 2008

Tuesday, 15 July 2008

Friday, 18 July 2008

- Power Politics;
- Measuring Power;
- Realist Assumptions.
- Realism vs. Idealism (cont'd.)

Assigned Reading: Goldstein, Chs. 1 & 2 (finish); LaMonica, Ch. 3.

→ **Tutorial # 1.**

Week Three

Monday, 21 July 2008

Tuesday, 22 July 2008

Friday, 25 July 2008

- Alternatives to Power Politics;
- Liberalism (start);
- Feminism;
- Peace Studies.

Assigned Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 3 (start); LaMonica, Ch. 5 and Ch. 7 (Readings 23 and 24: J. Ann Tickner, "Hans Morgenthau's Principles of Political Realism: A Feminist Reformulation" and Francis Fukuyama, "Women and the Evolution of World Politics.")

→ **Tutorial # 2.**

Week Four

Monday, 28 July 2008

Tuesday, 29 July 2008

Friday, 1 August 2008

- The Research Paper (due 19 September 2008): Practical essentials, essay writing, citations, the notion of plagiarism;
- Liberalism (finish);
- Foreign Policy;
- Models of Decision-Making;
- Constructivism.

Assigned Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 3 (finish).

→ **Tutorial # 3.**

Week Five

Monday, 4 August 2008

Tuesday, 5 August 2008

Friday, 8 August 2008

- Conflict and War;
- ‘Conflicts of Ideas’ versus ‘Historical Materialism’;
- Non-Western Political Thought and IR

Assigned Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 4; LaMonica, Ch. 6.

Assigned Reading: LaMonica, Ch. 8 (Sun Tzu, Kenneth Kaunda, Kim Dae Jung and Mohammed Bedjouai).

→ **Tutorial # 4.**

Week Six

Monday, 11 August 2008

Tuesday, 12 August 2008

Friday, 15 August 2008

- Midterm Review.
- MIDTERM ASSESSMENT: Tuesday, 12 August 2008

→ **Tutorial # 5.**

Weeks Seven-Eight

MID-TRIMESTER BREAK
18 August 2008 – 31 August 2008

Part II: International Political Economy

Week Nine

Monday, 1 September 2008

Tuesday, 2 September 2008

Friday, 5 September 2008

- Mercantilism (Realism in IPE);
- State vs. Market;
- Economic Liberalism.

Assigned Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 5 (start).

→ **Tutorial # 6:** A one-page **Research Paper Proposal** (hard copy) is due to your tutor by 17:00 on Friday, 5 September 2008.

Week Ten

Monday, 8 September 2008

Tuesday, 9 September 2008

Friday, 12 September 2008

- Bretton Woods Institutions;
- International Trade and Money.

Assigned Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 5: pp. 182-216.

- Multinational Business;
- Colonialism and Imperialism;
- Theories of (Under)development.

Assigned Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 5: pp. 216-236; Ch. 7 (preview).

Additional Reading: George Soros, "Capitalism's Last Chance?" *Foreign Policy*, Winter 1998-99: 55-66.

→ **Tutorial # 7.**

Week Eleven

Monday, 15 September 2008

Tuesday, 16 September 2008

Friday, 19 September 2008

- International Organization and Law;
- The United Nations (history);
- The European Union.

Assigned Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 6; (start) Ch. 7.

→ **Tutorial # 8.**

Part III: Current Debates

Week Twelve

Monday, 22 September 2008

Tuesday, 23 September 2008

Friday, 26 September 2008

- Critical Theories
- Green Perspectives
- Global Environment and Technology
- Globalisation
- Human Rights

Assigned Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 8; LaMonica, Ch. 7 (Critical Theories).

Research Paper Due on Friday, 26 September 2008 at 17:00 p.m. These should be handed-in (hard copy) to either your tutor (in tutorial or by other arrangement) or to the Political Science & International Relations Programme Office, 5th Floor Murphy Hall, INTP 113 Drop Box.

Note: A copy of your document should also be submitted via the INTP 113 Blackboard Digital Dropbox: Research Papers not submitted via Blackboard will not receive full credit; please assure that this is done by the above due date.

→ **Tutorial # 9.**

Week Thirteen

Monday, 29 September 2008

Tuesday, 30 September 2008

Friday, 3 October 2008

- Culture and IR

Assigned Reading: Goldstein, Chs. 7-8 (finish); LaMonica, Ch. 9 (Reading #35: Samuel P. Huntington, "Clash of Civilizations").

Also:

- Edward Said, "Clash of Ignorance," *The Nation*, Oct. 22, 2001, 273, 12: 11-13.

- Benjamin R. Barber, "Jihad vs. McWorld," *The Atlantic Monthly*, March 1992: 53-55.

→ **Tutorial # 10.**

Week Fourteen

Monday, 7 October 2008

Tuesday, 8 October 2008

Friday, 10 October 2008

- Democracy and IR

Ch. 7 (portions on aid and development) and

Additional Reading:

Course Notes:

1. Jeffrey D. Sachs, "The Development Challenge," *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2005: 78-90;
2. Rachel Morris, "The Crusader," *Listener*, July 23, 2005: 22-23;
3. Steven Radelet, "Bush and Foreign Aid," *Foreign Affairs*, Sept/Oct 2003: 104-117.

Assigned Reading: LaMonica, Ch. 9 (Reading #37: Fareed Zakaria, "The Rise of Illiberal Democracy").

Final Review.

→ **Tutorial # 11.**