

Survey of International Relations

IR 5551

Term I, 2018-2019

Weeknight format, Kadena Airbase

Course Syllabus

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Advising: Before or after class sessions, or at a mutually convenient time during the week at the faculty office in the Kadena Education Office building.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: A survey of the discipline of International Relations (IR) introducing IR theory, power, national interests, instruments of foreign policy, international law and organizations, international political economy, comparative government, and research methodology.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: After taking this course, students should understand the major theories of, and concepts within, International Relations; be able to discuss and analyze the fundamental issues involved in international security/conflict and power politics; explain the role of international institutions in cooperation and conflict; and demonstrate the ability to write at the graduate level.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: Students are expected to keep up with the readings and to participate in web discussions. Your participation grade will be based in large part on your ability to discuss material from the reading assignments. Students should obtain a TROY e-mail account and check it regularly, as this, along with postings on the course website, will be the means of providing notice of assignment changes, class cancellations, or other matters concerning class. There are no prerequisites.

All dates and time provided in this syllabus refer to Japan time (GMT + 09:00).

NATURE OF GRADUATE WORK: “Graduate level work differs appreciably from that of undergraduate programs. Graduate students will find that their programs are geared toward meeting certain criteria. The first of these criteria is that the graduate student should understand the ramifications of research as well as the manner in which it is conducted. Research, the context of graduate study, is conducted in a systematic, thorough, critical, interpretative, and analytical manner—free of preconceived notions and receptive to new ideas; such research attempts to collate and synthesize new patterns of meaning, discover new truths, and correct past errors. The second component of the graduate program requires that graduate students master their field of study. Such mastery would entail a thorough grasp of the subject matter, literature in the field, theory, and methodology related to the student's field of interest. Finally, every graduate program must give students the opportunity to demonstrate research skills, knowledge of the field, and opportunity to contribute to the field of study. Thus, a person who wishes *to do graduate level work must be prepared to pass examinations, both written and oral, to write coherent papers that reflect the results of research as defined above, and to participate in course projects*” (2015-16 Troy University Graduate Catalog, p. 4).

TEXTBOOKS

Graham Allison, *Destined for War: Can America and China Escape Thucydides’s Trap?* (New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017). ISBN 0544935276, 978-0544935273

Karen A. Mingst and Ivan M. Arreguin-Toft, *Essentials of International Relations*, 6th ed. (New York: W.W. Norton & Co., 2013). ISBN 0393921956, 978-0393921953

Donald M. Snow, *Cases in International Relations*, 7th ed. (New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2018). ISBN 1538107287, 978-1538107287

SUPPLEMENTAL READINGS

1. Stephen Brooks, G. John Ikenberry, and William Wohlforth, “Don’t Come Home, America: The Case against Retrenchment,” *International Security* 37, No. 3 (Winter 2012/13): 7-51. (Available in Academic One Source)
2. Harold Koh and Michael Doyle, “The Case for International Law,” *Foreign Affairs* 92, No. 6 (Nov/Dec 2013): 162-165. (Available in Academic One Source)
3. Marc A. Levy, “Is the Environment a National Security Issue?” *International Security* 20, No. 2 (Autumn 1995): 35-62. (Available in JSTOR)

COURSE GRADES

GRADE SCALE

Mid-term and Final Examinations	30%	A: 90-100
Student Presentations	15%	B: 80-89
Review Essays	20%	C: 70-79
Book Review	10%	D: 60-69
Participation/small groups/ Discussion	25%	F: 0-59

A. Mid-term and Final Examinations

This course will include a mid-term (Week 5) and a final exam to be administered in class. Exams will include material covered in the readings and lectures, items discussed in class, and videos used in the course. The exams will consist of short answers and essay questions. It will account for 30% of the course grade.

B. Student Presentations

Students will brief the class on a major international relations issue in modern times, i.e., since World War II. Topics must be approved by the professor. Presentations will be limited to fifteen to twenty minutes per student. You will be given detailed instructions on these presentations during the term. Your presentation will account for 15% of the course grade.

C. Review Essays

Students will draft a series of two review essays; each should be at least five pages. Each review essay will account for 10% of the course grade, for a total of 20% of the course grade (see details at end of the syllabus).

Essay 1: Due 9/6 – Compare and contrast three of the following cases in the **Snow** textbook: Chapters 1-7.

Essay 2: Due 10/4 – Discuss the major issues involved in human security, with reference to at least three of the following cases in the **Snow** textbook: 8-14.

D. Book Review

Students will submit a written review of Graham Allison, *Destined for War*. The review will be due by September 20, 2018. This assignment should be at least 5 pages in length; it should summarize the main ideas/themes, critique the book and its contents, and provide your own critical analysis of the book's topics. It is 10% of the course grade.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

Lectures, Class Discussion/Questions/Small groups, Student presentations, Student Essays/Book Reviews

CANVAS SHELL: Important class announcements and other course information will be posted by the professor in the Canvas shell. Be sure to login to the shell regularly. You will submit your two essays and book review via Canvas. Also **send me copies** by e-mail. That way, I will be sure to have copies of your assignments.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Students are expected to attend ALL class sessions. Students should complete the assigned readings BEFORE the class session (see schedule below), so that you can discuss topics raised by them and answer questions about them. Any absences for TDY, military exercises, and family/medical/other emergencies must be verified with appropriate documentation. Failure to provide such documentation will result in a lower course grade. Per PACOM and Troy University instructions, the site coordinator must be notified of students who miss more than 25% of classes.

MAKEUP POLICY: In exceptional cases, such as medical or family emergencies, official duty requirements and military exercises, or TDY/TAD, an authorized absence may be permitted upon consultation with the instructor. TDY, official duty/military exercises, and family/medical/other emergencies must be verified with appropriate documentation. Failure to provide such documentation will result in a lower course grade. In such cases, the student MUST meet with the instructor as soon as possible for a comprehensive review of the missed material. Unauthorized absences will require a mandatory review of missed material AND an additional assignment. Failure to do assigned makeup activities will negatively affect the course grade.

INCOMPLETES: If a student is unable to complete all course grading requirements, the student may be eligible to request the assignment of an incomplete grade. An Incomplete grade is not automatically assigned by the instructor, but must be requested by the student and approved by the instructor. The decision to approve or reject a student's request for an incomplete grade is at the discretion of the instructor using the following criteria: Student submits a completed "Incomplete Grade Request" form prior to assignment of a course grade, student's progress in the course is deemed satisfactory, student is passing the course when the request is made, circumstances that prevented the student's completion of course requirements are beyond the student's control, and adequate documentation is provided. A student may request an incomplete by completing and submitting to the instructor an "Incomplete Grade Request" form. This form can be found at trojan.troy.edu/graduateschool/forms.html.

TDY, official duty or military exercises, and family/medical/other emergencies must be verified with appropriate documentation. Failure to provide such documentation will result in lowered grades on late assignments. All other Incomplete work is considered late, and accordingly will receive reduced grades.

TROY UNIVERSITY DEADLINES: Students can find the Troy Online calendar at <http://trojan.troy.edu/online/academiccalendar.html> listing key dates for the term, including refund deadlines, payment dates, and Comp Exam dates. The deadline to drop Term 1 classes is Sept. 21, 2018.

ACADEMIC ETHICS: Details on ethical standards for research papers can be found in Publications Manual of the American Psychological Association. The current “Standards of Conduct” of the Troy University Graduate Catalog should also be consulted.

The following will not be tolerated in this course:

1. **Cheating** on examinations or assignments, in any form. This includes submitting another’s work as your own, providing answers to others, or using any unauthorized aids during an examination.
2. **Plagiarism** on research papers, in any form. This includes failure to give credit to the sources of your work, copying of someone else’s work, downloading text as part or all of an assignment, or using an author’s exact words without quotations and citations.

Cheating or plagiarism will result in grades of zero on the assignment and F in the course. Such cases may be subject to further disciplinary action by Troy University up to and including expulsion from the MSIR program. The instructor uses on-line software to help detect plagiarism. Please note that no assignment prepared for or submitted in a different course may be used in this course without prior approval of the instructor.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: Troy University, under the guidelines of ADA and the Rehabilitation Act, makes reasonable accommodations for documented physical and mental limitations of otherwise-qualified individuals with disabilities. To provide the best possible services to students, employees, and visitors, Troy University has designated Disability Services Coordinators and Human Resources representatives on each campus as responsible parties for coordinating accommodations for persons with disabilities. For more information about physical access to building or grounds, academic or workplace accommodations, or other ADA related services, individuals should contact a Disability Services Coordinator or Human Resources representative on their campus of attendance. Specific information regarding the ADA, including contact information for responsible parties, can be found at the following link:

<http://trojan.troy.edu/employees/humanresources/documents/ADAPolicy2003.htm>

CELL PHONES, COMPUTERS, ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Use of any electronic device (cell phone, tablet, laptop, etc.) by students in the instructional environment is prohibited unless explicitly approved on a case-by-case basis by the instructor of record or by the Office of Disability Services in collaboration with the instructor. Cell phones and other communication devices may be used for emergencies, but sending or receiving non-emergency messages during a class meeting is forbidden by the University. Use of a communication device to violate the Troy University “Standards of Conduct” will result in appropriate disciplinary action (See pp. 42-52 of the Oracle.). In order to receive emergency messages from the University or family members, devices must be in a vibration, silent or other unobtrusive mode. Students receiving calls that they believe to be emergency calls must answer quietly without disturbing the teaching environment. If the call is an emergency, they must move unobtrusively and quietly from the instructional area and notify the instructor as soon as reasonably possible. Students who are expecting

an emergency call should inform the instructor before the start of the instructional period. The instructor in this class has opted to permit use of tablets and/or laptops in class.

LIBRARY RESOURCES: Students can access online resources through the Troy University web site at www.troy.edu or www.library.troy.edu. These resources include a variety of text data bases that give complete articles from many journals, magazines and newspapers. The MSIR Journal List, for instance, has many political/policy publications, including Foreign Affairs and World Politics. The main full text information services are EBSCOhost, FirstSearch, InfoTrac and ProQuest. Tutorials and overviews are available on the library home page.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Textbooks for the course

M = Mingst, Essentials of International Relations

S = Snow, Cases in International Relations

DATE	TOPICS	READINGS
Week 1	IR History IR as Field of Study	M, Ch. 2 S, Ch. 2, 3
Week 2	Contending IR Approaches IR Perspectives	M, Ch. 1, 3 S, Ch. 1, 4
Week 3	Levels of Analysis Power Politics	M, Ch. 4-6 S, Ch. 10; Su, #1
Week 4	International Organizations Humanitarian intervention	M, Ch. 7, 10 S, Ch. 5
Week 5	War and conflict Nuclear and WMD proliferation	M, Ch. 8 S, Ch. 6, 7 Su, #2
Week 6	Globalization and the state International Political Economy	M, Ch. 9 S, Ch. 8, 9
Week 7	The Global Commons, Climate Transnational Issues	M, Ch. 11 S, Ch. 11-13 Su, #3
Week 8	Terrorism & Non-legitimate Actors	S, Ch. 14

Readings for each week should be completed before we meet in class, in order for us to cover the materials in group activities. The **mid-term** and **final exams** will cover all material from both in-class activities (lectures, discussion, group activities) and the textbook assignments.

ESSAY PAPER INSTRUCTIONS

Pursuant to the syllabus, there will be two critical essay papers that will each account for 10% of the course grade, for a total of 20% of the course grade. These papers will be essays intended to demonstrate the student's comprehension of the concepts contained in the reading assignments, critical thinking skills, and analytical writing skills. Think of these papers as Op-ed pieces in a newspaper, i.e., stake out a clear position on a topic, and use your entire paper to support that position with reasoning, logic, facts and course readings. The essays are not intended to be research papers, and so you don't need numerous outside sources. However, papers should be careful to cite as appropriate if using ideas from reading assignments or other works.

Writing well is among the most important skills you can possess in your professional career. In many cases, you will find you are judged based on written documentation that you present. The quality of your writing will often serve, fairly or not, as an indicator of your intelligence. Poor grammar, misspelled words, confused syntax, and incoherent organization will reflect poorly upon you. Thus, it is imperative when undertaking a writing assignment to have a basic plan (an outline), to pay attention to detail, and to proofread the final product carefully.

A key goal in writing is to communicate with clarity and precision. Often, simpler is better. As Strunk and White advise, "omit unnecessary words." Never use words that you are not certain you can define. Avoid cluttering up sentences with numerous clauses. Even if grammatically correct, a sentence that requires multiple readings is poorly drafted. Include an introduction explaining what your essay is about and how it is organized (provide a road map to your essay). Use paragraphs in a logical fashion (paragraphs are structured by idea, not length). Conclude with a brief summary, recapping your main point(s). Do not use the conclusion to introduce new ideas.

When you have finished your essay, review it through the eyes of potential critics. In other words, look for ambiguities or weaknesses that are open to misunderstanding and attack. If you were tasked with arguing a contrasting position to that in your paper, what sections would you attack?

Students will be assigned topics as listed above for each of the essays. Upon careful consideration of the topic, students should draft well-thought-out, well-structured, well-proofread essays that directly address the specified issues. Papers are expected to be between 5-7 pages with a maximum length of 8 pages, exclusive of title page.

Format: The paper must be typed, double-spaced, in black twelve-point Times New Roman font, with one inch margins. Do not place additional space between paragraphs. Necessary citations may follow either the Turabian or the APA system. A references list should be included as appropriate.

Citation and Sources: You may use whatever citation system you are familiar with; however, you must identify the system you are using and keep to it consistently. If I am not familiar with the system, you must be able to provide me with a system manual that I may review upon request. Proper citation requires sufficient information for me to check your sources with ease. Internet sources may be used at your own risk. Common sense should help tell you which websites are acceptable and which are not for academic work. If in doubt, it is probably best to avoid that site. Of course, you may always ask me for an opinion as to suitability. Citation of Internet sources requires more than simply listing the website. Include titles, authors, dates written, and dates accessed. Papers citing Wikipedia will be docked 5 points.

Grading: Papers will be graded on demonstrated understanding of the issues, coherence of argument, and attention to detail. Grades will not take into account ideological positions. In other words, I am looking for the quality of your presentation rather than whether I agree with it. Poor spelling, grammar, punctuation or style will negatively affect the grade. Plagiarism will result in an F for the course. Papers are due as noted above. Late papers will lose ten points per 24 hour period late.

Please thoroughly PROOFREAD all of your assignments.