

Course	Spring INTL 2680 – International Relations: Political Theory	
Term	Spring , 2011	
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	Hours:	
Course Description	<p>This course provides a succinct introduction into IR theories. It's structured around the main schools of IR theory and central IR concepts such as power, state, justice and war. The course is dedicated to the main theories – from Realism to Neo-Realism to Liberalism. Rationalism and Constructivism – their contextual development, and their main claims. Those theories differ with respect to the central concepts, their understanding of the human nature, and their explanatory power.</p> <p>This course is reading intensive and it is <u>essential that you read</u> all the texts for the session <u>before coming to class</u>; no exceptions. <u>Failure to do so will result in a F.</u></p>	
Prerequisites	POLT 1050	
Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize and locate distinct theoretical perspectives in the study of international politics. • Explain commonalities and differences in fundamental theories pertinent to the study of international relations. • Apply theoretical models and perspectives to analyze and explain historical events, actors, institutions and the behavior of states. 	
Textbook and other Materials	<p><u>Required Reading material:</u></p> <p>Burchill, S. et al, Theories of International Relations, 4th ed., Palgrave 2009</p> <p>Art, R./Jervis, R. (2010) International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues, 10th Edition, Longman: New York.</p> <p>Online texts will be made containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackson/Sorensen (2010) International Political Economy, Chapter 7, Oxford University Press • Mackinder (1904) 'The geographical pivot of history', The Geographical Journal 23, pp.421-37 • Wendt, A. (1992) 'Anarchy is what States Make of it: The Social Construction of Power Politics', <i>International Organization</i>, 46(2), 	

	<p>pp. 391-425 (Online)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guzzini, 'A Reconstruction of Constructivism in IR' • Wallerstein, Excerpts from World Systems Analysis • Marx/Engels, 'The Communist Manifesto' • Linklater, A.(1997) 'The transformation of political community: E.H.Carr, critical theory and international relations', <i>Review of International Studies</i> Vol 23,pp. 321-338 • Mearsheimer, 'E.H. Carr vs. Idealism: The Battle Rages On' • Mackinder, 'The Geographical Pivot of History' 										
	<p><u>Additional materials you should consider reading:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waltz, K. (1979) <i>Theory of International Politics</i>, McGraw-Hill: New York. • Mearsheimer, J. (2003) <i>The Tragedy of Great Power Politics</i>, W. W. Norton: New York. • Waltz, K. (2001) <i>Man, the State, and War</i> (Revised Edition), Columbia University Press: New York. • Keohane, R.O. (2005) <i>After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy</i> (Princeton Classic Editions), Princeton University Press: Princeton. • Carr, E. H. (1940) <i>The twenty years' crisis, 1919-1939; an introduction to the study of international relations</i>, Macmillan: London. • Bull, H. (2002) <i>The Anarchical Society</i>, 3rd edition, Columbia University Press: New York. • Keohane, R.O. (ed.) (1986) <i>Neorealism and Its Critics</i>, Columbia University Press: New York. • Wendt, A. (1999) <i>Social Theory of International Politics</i> (Cambridge Studies in International Relations) Cambridge University Press: Cambridge. • Wallerstein, I.M. (2004) <i>World-systems analysis : an introduction</i> Durham: Duke University Press. • Nye, J.S. (2011), <i>The Future of Power</i>, new York: Public Affairs 										
<p>Grading</p>	<p>Class participation: 15% Class presentation: 15% Midterm exam: 20% Final exam: 50%</p> <p>Grade Scale:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>95+</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A-</td> <td>91-94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B+</td> <td>86-90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>81-85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B-</td> <td>76-80</td> </tr> </table>	A	95+	A-	91-94	B+	86-90	B	81-85	B-	76-80
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University Policies	<p>Cheating Any student found cheating on any part of the course work (homework assignment, term paper, quiz, exam, etc.) will automatically be given an “F” for the course. Any student found to be helping another student to cheat will likewise be given an “F” for the course. In each case, the student will also be put on disciplinary probation for the remainder of her or his stay at Webster. If the student is found to have engaged in cheating a second time, s/he will be automatically expelled from the University.</p> <p>Attendance Class attendance is obligatory. Instructors will take attendance at each class session and reduce a student’s course grade by half a letter grade for each full week of class missed. Any student who misses three or more full weeks of class will automatically be given an “F” for the course.</p>						
Weekly Schedule							
Week 1	<p>Introduction and Basic Concepts I. (Lecture and brief discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course plan • What is a theory? • Power • Geography <p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burchill et al., Introduction • Thucydides, ‘The Melian Dialogue’ (Art/Jervis) • Mackinder, ‘The Geographical Pivot of History’ (Online) 						
Week 2	<p>Basic Concepts II. (Lecture and discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War • Peace <p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clausewitz, K. (1873) “Chapter 1: What is War?” in <i>On War</i>, London: Trübner, Full Text Online at http://www.clausewitz.com/readings/OnWar1873/BK1ch01.html • Jervis, ‘The Era of Leading Power Peace (Art/Jervis) • Art, ‘The Four Functions of Force (Art/Jervis) • Art, ‘The Fungibility of Force (Art/Jervis) • Kaldor, ‘New and old wars’ (Art/Jervis) 						
Week 3	<p>Liberalism (Lecture, presentation, discussion)</p>						

	<p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burchill, 'Liberalism' (Burchill et al.) • Doyle. 'Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs (Art/Jervis) • Keohane, 'International Institutions: Can Interdependence work? (Art/Jervis) • Keohane/Nye, 'Complex Interdependence and the Role of Force (Art/Jervis)
Week 4	<p>Realism (<i>Lecture, presentation, discussion</i>)</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burchill, 'Realism and Neo-realism' (Burchill at al.) • Schelling, 'The Diplomacy of Violence' (Art/Jervis) • Mearsheimer, E.H. Carr vs. Idealism: The Battle Rages On (Online) • Waltz, 'The Anarchic Structure of World Politics' (Art/Jervis) • Mearsheimer, 'Anarchy and the Struggle for Power' (Art/Jervis)
Week 5	<p>Marxism and World Systems Theory (<i>Lecture, discussion</i>)</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linklater, 'Marxism' (Burchill et al.) • Wallerstein (Online) • Marx/Engels, 'The Communist Manifesto', (Online)
Week 5	<u>MIDTERM EXAM</u>
Week 6	<p>Critical Theory (<i>Lecture, presentation, discussion</i>)</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devetak, 'Critical Theory' (Burchill et al.) • Linklater, A.(1997) 'The transformation of political community: E.H.Carr, critical theory and international relations', <i>Review of International Studies</i> Vol 23,pp. 321-338
Week 7	<p>Constructivism (<i>Lecture, presentation, discussion</i>)</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reus-Smit, 'Constructivism' (Burchill et al.) • Wendt, A. (1992) 'Anarchy is what States Make of it: The Social Construction of Power Politics', <i>International Organization</i>, 46(2), pp. 391-425 (Online)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guzzini, 'A Reconstruction of Constructivism in IR' (Online)
Week 8	<p>International Political Economy (<i>Lecture, presentation, discussion</i>)</p> <p>Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackson/Sorensen, 'International Political Economy' (Online) • Gilpin, 'The Nature of Political Economy' (Art/Jervis) • Keohane, 'Hegemony in the World Political Economy' (Art/Jervis) • Scott, 'The Great Divide in the Global Village' (Art/Jervis) • Drucker. 'The Changed World Economy' (Art/Jervis) • Rodrik, 'Trading Illusions' (Art/Jervis) • Micklethwait/Wooldridge, 'Why the Globalization Backlash is Stupid' (Art/Jervis)
Week 8	<u>FINAL EXAM</u>