

<p>Osaka Gakuin University 2016-17 Spring Semester</p> <p><b>International Relations</b></p>
<p><b>Instructor :</b></p>
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<p><b>Course Description:</b></p>
<p>This course is designed to equip students with the conceptual tools needed to understand the study of world politics. The highly globalized world of the present has generated more wealth, scientific innovation, and cross-national cooperation ever witnessed in history. Meanwhile, the prospects of war, terror, and environmental degradation still generate an aura of uncertainty regarding our epoch. Adding to both the excitement and the fear of a smaller and interconnected globe is the fact that world politics does not occur in far off places. Decisions made by states, multinational corporations, terrorist organizations, and non-governmental organizations have a direct impact on our life. The rapid barrage of information technology and other forms of communication has in part transformed many people into "informed" global citizens. However, while there may be a multitude of individuals who <i>know</i> of the events that are occurring in the world, many still do not <i>understand</i> what is happening. That is, there is a huge difference between being up to date on the news and being able to explain why events happened; and what consequences they may bring. The goal of this course is to help students to be able to analyze global events and changes within a theoretical and systematic framework.</p>
<p><b>Resources</b></p>
<p><b>Text Book</b></p> <p>Karen A. Mingst and Jack L. Snyder. 2007. <i>Essential Readings in World Politics</i>. New York: WW Norton (3rd edition).</p> <p><b>Note:</b> All readings are in the above textbook unless otherwise indicated.</p>

<p><b>Reference Text</b></p> <p>Ba, Alice &amp; Hoffmann, Matthew J. "Making and Remaking the World for IR 101: A Resource for Teaching Social Constructivism in Introductory Classes." <i>International Studies Perspective</i>. No. 4, 2003. pp. 15-33.</p> <p>Finnemore, Martha. "Constructing Norms of Humanitarian Intervention." <i>The Culture of National Security</i>. Ed. Katzenstein, Peter J. Columbia University Press: New York, 1996. pp. 153-185.</p> <p>Nye, Joseph. "Neorealism and Neoliberalism." <i>World Politics</i>. Vol. 40 (2), 1988. pp. 235-251.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Other necessary hand-outs will be provided for each class</p>
<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class Attendance <b>(10%)</b></li> <li>• Participation in Class Discussions <b>(10%)</b></li> <li>• An Individual or Group Presentation(s) <b>(30%)</b></li> <li>• Final Report <b>(50%)</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Evaluation method may change at the instructor's discretion depending on the class size and other factors.</p>
<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Midterm Presentation Topics will be decided by the students (a detailed explanation will in the class a week before personations)</li> <li>• Class 18: A recreational/study visit to a specified area: This will be also decided by the students.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Course Schedule:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Part 1: Why Do Things Happen In International Politics? Theoretical Approaches</b></p> <p><b>Week 1:</b></p> <p>Class 1: Getting Started: Introduction and Course Description  Class 2: Theoretical Approaches-Idealism (Liberalism)</p>

**Week 2:**

Class 3: Theoretical Approaches-Realism  
Class 4: Theoretical Approaches-Neorealism

**Week 3:**

Class 5: Theoretical Approaches-Neoliberalism (Liberal Internationalism)  
Class 6: Theoretical Approaches-Constructivism

**Part 2: International Institutions****Week 4:**

Class 7: A study in failure: The League of Nations  
Class 8: A study in partial success: The United Nations

**Week 5:**

Class 9: A study in success: The European Union  
Class 10: An Emergence of African Union

**Week 6:**

Class 11: Dynamics of Bipolar to Unipolar International Politics (Balance of Power)  
Class 12: A Shift of Interstates to Intrastate Conflicts

**Week 7:**

Class 13: The Politics of Foreign Aid and Humanitarianism  
Class 14: State and Institution Building

**Presentations Week (Midterm Test)****Week 8:**

Class 15: Midterm Presentations  
Class 16: Midterm Presentations

**Part 3: Post-Cold War Thinking on International Relations****Week 9**

Class 17: Globalization 'Why Globalization Works'  
Class 18: A recreational/study visit to a specified area

**Week 10**

Class 19: Legacies of Slavery and End of Colonialism  
Class 20: Democracy or Autocracy?

**Week 11**

Class 21: Principal Causes of War  
Class 22: Issue of Post-conflict Societies

**Part 4: Iraq, Afghanistan, and International Relations****Week 12**

Class 23: 9/11 and the Bush Doctrine  
Class 24: The Decision to Go to War: American Choices, International Responses

**Week 13**

Class 25: Global Economic and Financial Crisis since 2008  
Class 26: Insurgency, Elections, and Occupation: The Postwar

**Week 14**

Class 27: International Security (Peace Keeping Operations)  
Class 28: Issues in World Politics (Economic and Health)

**Week 15**

Class 29: Future Challenges and Prospects of International Politics  
Class 30: Wrap up and Announcement of Guidelines for the **Final Report (Reflection Essays)**

**Note:** Course contents and schedule are subject to change depending on the class size and the discretion of the teacher.