

**PS 12: International Relations**  
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## Syllabus

This course introduces students to the study of international politics. No prior background in international relations is assumed. Students will acquire the basic analytic tools necessary to understand and explain a variety of international phenomena including war, terrorism, globalization, environmental cooperation, and human rights practices.

### Readings

The textbook for this course is Jeffrey A. Frieden, David A. Lake, Kenneth A. Schultz, *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, and Institutions* (New York: W. W. Norton, 2010). Denoted as FLS below. It is available for purchase at the UCSD Bookstore and at various online dealers (Amazon \$70, used \$31 and up). An Ebook version of the text can be purchased at: [http://www.nortonebooks.com/BuyChoice.aspx?siteId=world\\_politics\\_ebook](http://www.nortonebooks.com/BuyChoice.aspx?siteId=world_politics_ebook). Various pricing options are available depending on format and length of time access is purchased.

The Student Studyspace through W. W. Norton is available at <http://www.wwnorton.com/college/polisci/world%2Dpolitics/>. Here you will find study plans, chapter outlines, practice quizzes, and other pedagogical tools.

### Grades

Grades for this course will be based on 1) Section (30 percent), 2) Midterm (30 percent), and 3) Final (40 percent). Section requirements may differ by TA.

### Exams

Both the midterm and final exam will be a mix of short answer/identification and essay questions. All students must take the midterm and final exams at the scheduled time. Missed exams may be made up only after a Doctor's note is submitted explaining why you were too ill to take the exam. No exceptions.

### Course Webpage

This syllabus and appropriate links are available on the course webpage at <http://dss.ucsd.edu/~dlake/courses/ps12/ps12.htm>. The slides from lecture will be available before class on this page as well. It is recommended that you download the slides before each lecture to facilitate note taking. The slides are not a substitute for lecture.

## Schedule of Topics and Readings

### I. Introduction

March 28 & 30: *Conflict and Cooperation*: FLS Introduction and Chapter 1

April 4 & 6: *Interests, Interactions, and Institutions*: FLS Chapter 2

### II. War and Peace

April 11 & 13: *Bargaining and War*: FLS Chapter 3

April 18: *Domestic Politics and War*: FLS Chapter 4

April 20: *International Institutions and War*: FLS Chapter 5

April 25: *Terrorism*: FLS Chapter 10, pages 381-402

April 27: *Mid-term*

### III. International Political Economy

May 2 & 4: *International Trade*: FLS Chapter 6

May 9 & 11: *International Monetary and Financial Relations*: FLS Chapter 7 & Chapter 8

### IV. Transnational Politics

May 16: *Transnational Networks*, FLS Chapter 10, pages 366-380

May 18: *International Human Rights*: FLS Chapter 11

May 23: *The Global Environment*: FLS Chapter 12

May 25: No class. Instructor out of town.

May 30: Memorial Day, no class.

### V. Looking Ahead

June 1: *The Future of International Politics*: FLS Chapter 13

June 8 (Weds.), 8-11 AM: *Final Exam*