

<b>IST 210: International Relations</b>			
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<b>Credits:</b>	4		
<b>Style of Class:</b>	Lecture		
<b>Course Description:</b>			
<p>This course considers the factors that determine continuity and change in the international system. Emphasis will be on periods of conflict and change in the international milieu, with case studies ranging from the Peloponnesian War to the contemporary post-Cold War system. Is it true that international relations remain resistant to fundamental change, as “realists” argue? Or can we observe a progressive change in the evolution of relations among states, as “liberals” contend?</p>			
<b>Course Objectives:</b>			
<p>The aim of this course is to introduce students to the complexities of international politics by giving them a good grounding in the traditional realist theory before turning to liberal approaches that became more prominent after the Cold War. I try to present difficult concepts in clear language with historical examples so students will gain a practical understanding of the basic vocabulary of international politics.</p>			
<b>Course Materials:</b>	Joseph S. Nye, Jr., <i>Understanding International Conflicts: An Introduction to Theory and History</i> , Sixth Edition (New York: Longman, 2006).		
<b>Grading Methods:</b>	-- Informed class participation and discussion – 10% -- Mid-term examination – 40% -- Final examination – 50%		

**Schedule:** *(Schedule can present the activities/topics of classes distributed into class meetings or weekly modules, but the schedule should not exceed one page. For 4-credit classes the schedule can exceed one page, if it is unavoidable.)*

	1 <sup>st</sup> Week	Is There an Enduring Logic of Conflict in World Politics?
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	Is There an Enduring Logic of Conflict in World Politics?
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	Origins of the Great 20th Century Conflicts
	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	Origins of the Great 20th Century Conflicts
	5 <sup>th</sup> Week	Balance of Power and World War I
	6 <sup>th</sup> Week	Balance of Power and World War I
	7 <sup>th</sup> Week	The Failure of Collective Security and World War II
	8 <sup>th</sup> Week	The Failure of Collective Security and World War II
	9 <sup>th</sup> Week	The Cold War
	10 <sup>th</sup> Week	The Cold War
	11 <sup>th</sup> Week	Intervention, Institutions and Regional and Ethnic Conflicts
	12 <sup>th</sup> Week	Intervention, Institutions and Regional and Ethnic Conflicts
	13 <sup>th</sup> Week	Globalization and Interdependence
	14 <sup>th</sup> Week	The Information Revolution, Transnational Actors, and the Diffusion of Power
	15 <sup>th</sup> Week	A New World Order?

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