INR 2002: Honors Introduction to World Politics
Fall 2013 Semester
Monday/Wednesday/Friday 2:00 - 2:50 pm
Location: CU 131
3 Credit Hours

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Fall 2013 Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 am – 10:00 am; 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

Required Textbooks:

There are three ways to purchase the assigned textbooks for INR 2002:

1. Traditional Method: College Bookstore.
   Price: $70.00.

2. Purchase the book on-line:
   www.amazon.com
   Price: $60.00.

3. Purchase a 180-Day Electronic Subscription via CourseSmart.
   www.coursesmart.com and click on “How It Works” to proceed.
   Price: $29.00.

Blackboard: INR 2002 uses Blackboard for a variety of purposes. In addition to the syllabus being posted on Blackboard, writing assignments and student grades can be located on the system.
Course Description

Introduction to World Politics is a survey of the major trends, events and actors in world politics. The aim of the course is to provide students with the conceptual skills to better understand the complex and ever changing international arena. A major focus of this course is the implication of the interaction of diverse cultures across time and geographic space. Individual, national and regional perspectives, informed by history, culture and experience, create misperceptions, conflict and missed opportunities when they come into contact with differing perspectives.

There are no pre-requisites or co-requisites for this course.

Course Goals and Objectives

In addition to providing students with the international relations skills with which to study and analyze the evolution of the modern world system, this course equips students with the necessary skills to explain in a multi-causal fashion the most pressing issues (i.e., nuclear proliferation, global terrorism, religious conflict, economic downturns) confronting global society. Students will be exposed to a variety of disciplines that contribute to our understanding of international affairs, historically and presently. Those disciplines include Political Science, History, Sociology, Economics and Psychology.

Students successfully completing INR 2002: Introduction to World Politics will be able to:

*define and understand the forces that shape the modern international system,*identify the principal challenges confronting international society,*understand the role of power, economics and globalization in both creating and responding to global challenges, and*articulate options for addressing those global challenges.

Grade Determination

Three exams and five short papers will determine the final grade.

The exams are non-cumulative and will include information provided in the lectures as well as the assigned readings.

The writing assignments along with their due dates will be posted on Blackboard. Students are to complete five (5) written assignments before the end of the semester. Each assignment is worth two points, for a total of ten points.

Examination #1  30%  Friday, September 27.
Examination #2  30%  Friday, November 1.
Examination #3  30%  Wednesday, December 11 (1:15 pm)
Writing Assignments  10%

Total 100%

Writing assignments will only be graded if they are submitted directly via Blackboard by the deadline.

There will be more than five writing assignments posted, students are to complete only five.

This course uses a standard ten-point scale for the assignment of final grades as follows:

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Make-Up Policy for Missed Work

Students who are physically unable to sit for a schedule exam or submit assignments on time will be allowed the opportunity to complete the missed work only if they provide authentic documentation that explains the reasons for the missing work.

Academic Integrity and Classroom Etiquette

Florida Atlantic University Honor Code: Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Academic dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism, is considered a serious breach of these ethical standards, because it interferes with the University mission to provide a high quality education in which no student enjoys an unfair advantage over any other. Academic dishonesty is also destructive of the University community, which is grounded in a system of mutual trust and places high value on personal integrity and individual responsibility. Harsh penalties are associated with academic dishonesty. For more information, see [http://www.fau.edu/regulations/chapter4/4.001_Code_of_Academic_Integrity.pdf](http://www.fau.edu/regulations/chapter4/4.001_Code_of_Academic_Integrity.pdf)
Students With Disabilities

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), students who require special accommodations due to a disability to properly execute coursework must register with the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) located in Boca Raton - SU 133 (561-297-3880), in Davie - MOD I (954-236-1222), in Jupiter - SR 117 (561-799-8585), or at the Treasure Coast - CO 128 (772-873-3305), and follow all OSD procedures.

Course Outline

A 26, 28, 30. Introduction to the course and International Relations theory: Realism. Chapter 1, pp. 3-19.


No class on Monday, September 2: Labor Day.


*Examination #1: Friday, September 27.


*Examination #2: Friday, November 1.

N 4, 6, 8. Globalization and International Political Economy. Chapter 7


No class on Monday, November 11: Armistice Day.


N 25, 27, 29. Global Terrorism & Middle East Conflict. Reading TBA.

No class on Friday, November 29: Thanksgiving.
Wednesday, December 4 is the final day of classes for the fall term. Final exams begin on Thursday, December 5.

*Final Examination: Wednesday, December 11 at 1:15 pm.