**2023 Fall**

**Antalya Bilim University**

**Department of Political Science and International Relations**

**POLS 203/POLS 257**

**INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

*Lecture Hours: Tuesday 9.30-12.20*

*Class Room: A2-93*

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Please note: No need for taking an appointment to meet within the office hours. Feel free to contact me via e-mail, should you need to meet out of office hours. When e- mailing, please write POLS 203/POLS 257 on the subject line.

**ABOUT THIS SYLLABUS**

**THIS IS IMPORTANT:** This syllabus is essential for you to follow the requirements of the course. You should bring your syllabus to all the classes. It is your responsibility to follow the requirements, deadlines and assignments of the course, and all of these are included in this syllabus. Answers to all your questions regarding this class are in this syllabus. Therefore, please do not consider this syllabus something that you see on the first meeting and put somewhere deep in your bookshelf. Do not forget that this is an essential material for this course.

**Course Description**

This course introduces students to world politics and central concepts, themes and discussion in the field of IR such as change and continuity, power, international trade, north-south relations, globalization, nationalism, and ethnic conflict. It also includes a brief introduction to the theories of International Relations. Its goal is to introduce students with the analytical, historical, and foundational knowledge needed to study repeating patterns and current global political controversies and issues.

**Course Objectives**

With the successful completion of this course, students are supposed to be able to:

-Develop an analytical understanding of what is going on international politics;

-Comprehend several concepts that are central to the discipline of International Relations;

-Apply the levels of analysis framework according to the relevant subject matter.

**Course Structure**

The course is built upon a combination of lectures, in-class debates and active participation of students to these debates. Regular attendance, note taking, completion of readings before coming to the class by students are required and integral parts of the course structure. Students can interrupt anytime they have a question in mind. The textbook, obviously, is important for preparation and the general structure of the course. However, what is more important is that students comprehend the conceptual and empirical knowledge that are introduced by the textbook and the lecturer. Therefore, feel free and do not hesitate to ask any questions troubling your comprehension.

**Course Policies:**

* **ANNOUNCEMENT POLICY:** All information regarding the course will either be announced in class or be sent to your AIU e-mail address. **Check your e-mail regularly. It is your responsibility to beware the information announced through e-mail.**
* **ATTENDANCE POLICY:** Attendance is mandatory and will be taken at each class. If you miss 5 classes you will fail the class. Students who are late more than 10 minutes are not admitted to the classroom. If you come late 2 times, you will be counted as missing a whole class.
* **CLASSROOM CONDUCT:** In the classroom and you will be expected to act according to the rules of class conduct and courtesy. Any form of **hate speech and disruptive behavior** are not welcome and won’t be tolerated.
* **MOBILE PHONE POLICY:** Make sure that your mobile phones are switched off or silenced during class time.
* **MAKE-UP POLICY:** Requests for midterm exam make-ups will be considered only for students with a medical condition. If an emergency arises, student needs to contact me before or immediately after the midterm exam.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY**

There will be **zero-tolerance** to any form of academic dishonesty. Plagiarism, cheating during exams and any other attempt of academic dishonesty **will result in disciplinary action.** Please see the Departmental Student Handbook for specific information about academic honesty and plagiarism. Please be reminded that use of **Artificial Intelligence** for the production of assignment content is an utter violation of academic integrity. Students are responsible for making sure that their assignments do not contain any form of academic dishonesty. Please consult the instructor for situations that you are not certain about your references in your assignments.

**Course Evaluation**

-Midterm Exam: 30%

-Final Exam: 40%

-Attendance: 8%

-In-class participation: 10%

-Assignments: 6% x 2 Written assignments

**Textbook**

Joshua S. Goldstein and Jon C. Pevehouse, 2014. International Relations, 10th Edition, Pearson: New York.

Relevant articles and online material will also be assigned according to the topic that we focus on that week. These are rather recommended readings, yet, they will definitely help you to a great extent for your understanding of the topics.

**Course Schedule:**

**Week 1 (3.10.2023):** Introduction to the Course / What is international relations? What is the International Relations (IR)?

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**Week 2 (10.10.2023):** Evolution of the Discipline and the International System

Goldstein and Pevehouse, 2014. Chapter 1

**Week 3 (17.10.2023):** Power Politics: What is power? How it is obtained?

Goldstein and Pevehouse, 2014. Chapter 2: pp. 45-49.

Recommended reading: Nye, Joseph. 1990. “Soft Power.” *Foreign Policy.* 80: 153-171.

**Week 4 (24.10.2023):** Conflict: Types and causes of war

Goldstein and Pevehouse, 2014. Chapter 5.

**Week 5 (31.10.2023) :** Brief introduction to the theories of IR: Realism(s)

Goldstein and Pevehouse, 2014. Chapter 2.

Recommended Reading: Lebow, Richard N. 2010. “Classical Realism.” in Dunne, T., Kurki, M. & Smith, S. (Eds.) *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity*. Oxford University Press: New York.

**Week 6 (7.11.2023):** Liberalism(s)

Goldstein and Pevehouse, 2014. Chapter 3: 85-94.

Recommended Reading: Rusett, Bruce. 2010. “Liberalism.” in Dunne, T., Kurki, M. & Smith, S. (Eds.) *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity.* New York, Oxford University Press.

**Week 7 (14.11.2023):** Challenges to the Mainstream: Social Constructivism and Critical Theory

Goldstein and Pevehouse, 2014. Chapter 3: 96-102; 103-106.

Recommended Reading: Fierke, Karin M. 2010. “Constructivism.” in Dunne, T., Kurki, M. & Smith, S. (Eds.) *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity.* New York, Oxford University Press.

Recommended Reading: Rupert, Mark. 2010. “Marxism and Critical Theory.” in Dunne, T., Kurki, M. & Smith, S. (Eds.) *International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity.* New York, Oxford University Press.

**Week 8 (21.11.2023):** Midterm Exam.

**Week 9 (28.11.2023):** Reading and Analyzing Foreign Policy

Goldstein and Pevehouse, 2014. Chapter 4.

**Week 10 (5.12.2023):** Globalization, Sovereignty and Intervention

Goldstein and Pevehouse, 2014. Chapter 7.

**Week 11 (12.12.2023):** Terrorism and Asymmetrical Conflicts

Goldstein and Pevehouse, 2014. Chapter 6.

**Week 12 (19.12.2023):** International Trade

Goldstein and Pevehouse, 2014. Chapter 8.

**Week 13 (26.12.2023):** Development, Peace and North-South Relations

Goldstein and Pevehouse, 2014. Chapter 7. pp. 270-277., Chapter 12-13.

**Week 14 (2.1.2024):** World Integrated?

Goldstein and Pevehouse, 2014. Chapter 10.

**Week 15: Final Exam**