

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JAPAN

Graduate School of International Relations

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Course	Course code DCC 5040	Course title International Politics	
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Class Schedule Day / Time	TBA		

Course Description: This course seeks to help students acquire a theoretical understanding of international politics. The first step is to understand the basic logic of state behavior, particularly in terms of competition and cooperation. The second step is to understand the influence of international structure, international institutions, and norms on state behavior and vice versa. Students are expected to understand and evaluate competing theories and approaches and to apply different perspectives to substantive issues in contemporary international relations.

In the course, after we begin with the basic questions of the meanings of “states,” “politics,” “power,” and “theory,” we will examine different theoretical approaches to international politics, with special focus on the realist, liberal, and constructivist paradigms. Throughout the course, we will examine contemporary issues, including terrorism, refugee issues, and global environmental challenges, through the analytical “lenses” of these different perspectives. Students are strongly encouraged to introduce into class discussion any additional topics of concern to them.

Learning Objectives: To obtain basic knowledge concerning the theoretical frameworks of international politics.

Career Relevance: This course will relate to career paths in academia, government, international governmental organizations, international NGOs.

Course Context or Rationalization: This course is the very basic of the study of international relations and international organizations.

Delivery Methods: lecture, student presentations, class discussions

Assessment:

- (1). Active participation in class (attendance, class preparation, and class discussion): 20%
- (3). Class presentation (It might be changed depending on class size.): 15 %
- (4). Mid-term examination: 25 %
- (5): Final exam: 40 %

Prerequisite: none	
Textbook(s)	<p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hans J. Morgenthau, <i>Politics among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace</i>, sixth edition, New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985. (necessary to purchase) -Edward H. Carr, <i>Twenty Years' Crisis, 1919-1939: An Introduction to the Study of International Relations</i>, New York: Harper Perennial, 1964. -Kenneth N. Waltz, <i>Theory of International Politics</i>, Massachusetts: Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, 1979. - Robert O. Keohane, <i>After Hegemony</i>, Princeton: Princeton University Press -Hedly Bull, <i>The Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in World Politics</i>, second edition, New York: Columbia University Press, 1995. -Alexander Wendt, <i>Social Theory of International Politics</i>, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999. <p>More detailed information will be announced in class.</p> <p>Reference books/Journal Articles:</p> <p>For those without any background of the study of international politics...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Baylis, Steven Smith, and Patricia Owens eds., <i>Globalization of World Politics</i>, fourth edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008. -Paul R. Viotti and Mark V. Kauppi, <i>International Relations Theory: Realism, Pluralism, Globalism, and Beyond</i>, 3rd ed., Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 1999.
Class Outline	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course Introduction 2-4. Introduction (Sovereign State, Nation, Power) and Realism (Power, Balance of Power) 5-8. Liberalism (Neoliberal Institutionalism, Economic Liberalism, and the Democratic Peace) 9-10. Social Constructivism 11-12. Mid-term exam 13-14. International Political Economy 15-16. Non-State Actors: International Governmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations 17-18 Terrorism 19-20. Environmental Issues
Others (if any)	