Political Science 2057: Introduction to International Relations
Spring Intersession 2013
Class Meetings: Monday through Saturday, 9:00-12:30

Class Location: 133 Long Fieldhouse
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Course Objectives:
This course is meant to develop an understanding of the basic concepts and theories of international relations. These are critical to both developing a deeper knowledge of the international system and how states interact but these concepts will be built upon in upper level international relations courses.

Required Readings:


Course Requirements:
**Class Participation (15%)**: It will be critical for you to not just attend the class but also participate in classroom discussion.

**Reading Quizzes (10% each, 20% total)**: There will be a total of three reading quizzes that will be given at the start of class. These are meant test your knowledge of the reading. There will be no make-ups of these quizzes but you are able to drop your lowest of the three scores.

**Mid-term (30%)**: There will be a mid-term exam that will be short answer. While not full essay questions, the exam will require you to accurately and concisely explain concepts and/or define terms.

**Final Exam (35%)**: There will be a comprehensive final exam. The questions will test not only how well you have learned the course material, but also the extent to which you have integrated the knowledge. Simply repeating the information will not garner an “A” because it is assumed you will have learned the material.
Class Meetings:

- May 23rd: Introduction to Course
- May 24th: Nye Chapters 1-3
- May 25th: Nye Chapters 4-6
- May 27th: Nye Chapters 7-9
- May 28th: Zombies and IR - Film
- May 29th: Zombies and IR - Book (finish World War Z by today)
- May 30th: Blainey Chapters 1-11
- May 31st: Blainey Chapters 12-18
- June 1st: Schelling Chapters 1-4
- June 3rd: Schelling Chapters 5-7
- June 4th: Deterrence in Film
- June 5th: Final Exam