This course explores major concepts and key research approaches in the field of international relations.

**Course requirements:**

*Written: two five-page papers (each 33% of grade).* Each paper will analyze critically one or more of the readings assigned for the week. Students select the readings for each paper. Papers are due before the class in which the readings are assigned.

*Class participation (33% of grade):* All students are expected to attend every seminar and be prepared to discuss all the readings for that week and participate in the discussion.

**Readings:**

Journal articles are available online through the UCSD Library. Some articles from special issues of journals are also available as edited books; in these cases, either version is fine.

We read enough of the following books to make purchasing them worthwhile. You may want them for your library in any event.


**Week 1, January 9: Paradigms, Progress, and International Relations**


Week 2, January 16: States as Units


Week 3, January 23: The Anarchy Problematique


**Week 4, January 30: Interests**

Jeffry Frieden, Actors and Preferences in International Relations, in Lake and Powell, eds., *Strategic Choice*, pp.39-76.


**Week 5, February 6: Domestic institutions and international behavior**


**Week 6, February 13: Relations among units: strategic interaction**


**Week 7, February 20: Relations among units: international institutions**


**Week 8, February 27: International Change**


**Week 9, March 6: Transnational Political Violence**


**Week 10, March 13: New Frontiers: The “Individual” Turn in International Relations**


