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

Course requirements:

Written: three five-page papers (each 25% 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 (25% of grade): All students are expected to attend every seminar, 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 will be 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 7: Paradigms, Progress, and International Relations


Week 2, January 14: The Anarchy Problematique


**Week 3, January 21: Preferences and perceptions: individuals, groups and beliefs**


Emilie M. Hafner-Burton, Stephan Haggard, David A. Lake, and David G. Victor, “The Behavioral Revolution and the Study of International Relations.” Manuscript (will be distributed by email).


**Week 4, January 28: Domestic institutions and international behavior**


Helen V. Milner, Interests, Institutions, and Information: Domestic Politics and International Relations (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1997), chapters 1-4 and one of the empirical chapters (5-8).


**Week 5, February 4: Relations among units: strategic interaction**


**Week 6, February 11: Relations among units: international institutions**


**Week 7, February 18: Evolution, Networks, and Diffusion**


Week 8, February 25: Transnational Political Violence


**Week 9, March 4: International Normative Change**


**Week 10, March 11: New Frontiers: The “Individual” Turn in International Relations**
