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 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 10: Paradigms, Progress, and International Relations**


Week 2, January 17: The Anarchy Problematique


Week 3, January 24: Preferences and perceptions: individuals, groups and beliefs


**Week 4, January 31: Domestic institutions and international behavior**


**Week 5, February 7 Relations among units: strategic interaction**


**Week 6, February 14: Relations among units: international institutions**


Week 7, February 21: Evolution, Networks, and Diffusion


Week 8, February 28: Transnational Political Violence


**Week 9, March 7: International Normative Change**


**Week 10, March 14: New Frontiers: The “Individual” Turn in International Relations**


