

Rhodes College
INTS 110: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (3:30-4:45)

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Course Description: The introductory course in international relations is designed to be a survey of the problems and practice of global cooperation and conflict.

Course Objectives: Students will learn about current global events, the processes of peace, and the reasons for global conflict. We'll look at power, ideology, conflict, international organizations, international political economy, etc. to learn about and understand the nature of today's interdependent global system. Students will acquire historical perspective and are expected to develop critical thinking skills.

This is not a course that requires you to supply "correct answers" in classroom discussions. Rather, a basic principle of the course is that learning must be a challenge and that you must pull together material on your own to find answers. Hence lectures and discussions are designed to help you think through issues raised in class and assist you in drawing your own conclusions.

Sexual Misconduct Disclosure: I will do my best to help any student who comes to me with non-course-related concerns. Please keep in mind, however, that all faculty members are mandated to report any incidents of sexual misconduct that comes to their attention. That means that I cannot keep information about sexual misconduct confidential from the college if you share that information with me, but the college has specific confidentiality and anti-retaliation protections in place.

The Rhodes Counseling Center or the Student Health Services Staff can advise you confidentially. Also, the Title IX Coordinator can help you access other resources on campus and in the local community. The student policy is in the Student Handbook and it can be found on the web site at <http://handbook.rhodes.edu/title-ix>.

Honor Code: All papers and exams should be your own work. Students are expected to abide by the Honor Code, and I will be diligent about reporting all violations to the Honor Council.

Accommodations: Students with a documented disability in need of special accommodations should contact the Office of Disability Services and also see the instructor to discuss your situation.

Electronic Devices: Electronic devices are allowed only for legitimate classroom purposes (reading electronic texts, taking notes, etc.); do not use a personal device for any purpose unrelated to the class. All devices should be silenced. Cell phones should be put away unless you are asked to use them for a class activity; otherwise, they should be powered down. If there is a serious need to leave your cell phone on, such as a family emergency, please put it on vibrate mode and let the professor know. Violations of this policy will affect the student's final grade.

Learning Objectives

Week of Oct. 18: The State and the Use of Force
(D Chap. 9)

Week of Oct. 25: International Organizations
(D Chap. 7)

Week of Nov. 1: International Law
(D Chap. 13)
Exam II on Nov. 1

Week of Nov. 8: IPE: Fundamentals and Trade
(D Chaps. 10-11; K Part I)

Week of Nov. 15: Money and Foreign Aid
(D Chap. 12; K Part II)

Week of Nov. 29: Development and the Environment
(D Chaps. 12, 14; K Part III)
Journal due: Nov. 29

Week of Dec. 6: Is the Nation-State Obsolete?
(D Chap. 15; Lecture)
Final Exam on Dec. 10

I am looking forward to working with you this term. Please do not hesitate to ask me any questions. Good luck!