This course is a general introduction to the theory and practice of International Relations, as viewed from the discipline of History. As such, it fulfills IR Core Requirement 4 (the Historical Dimension) in the IR Curriculum. For the History major it satisfies the transregional area requirement.

Course requirements include attendance at two weekly lectures and participation in one weekly discussion section. There will be a mid-term exam and a final exam. The mid-term will count toward 30% of your course grade; the final, 60%; and participation in recitation sessions, 10%. Students may choose to write an optional term paper (of ca 15 pp) on a course-relevant topic approved by the instructor. In this case, the mid-term would count 25% of your final grade; the paper, 25%; the final exam, 40% and participation 10%.


**Introduction:**

Jan.  15   The Course  
       20   No Class  
       22   The Historiography of International Relations  
            [Recitation] Discuss:  Carr and Craig

**Required:** Carr, *What is History?*, Chs. 1-3; Craig, “The Historian and the Study of International Relations.”

**I. The Discipline**

27   IR from WWI to the early Cold War  
29   Late Cold War Neo-realism and its Critics  
      Discuss: historicizing the discipline

**Required:** Hoffmann, “An American Social Science: International Relations;” May, Rosecrance and Steiner, *History and Neorealism*, Ch. 1; Ferguson and Mansbach, *The Elusive Quest*, Ch. 9. **Recommended:** Philpott, *Revolutions in Sovereignty*, Ch. 1; Walker, “History and Structure in the Theory of International Relations.”

Feb.  3   No Class  
       5   Historical Sociology, International Economics and Cognitive Psychology  
      Discuss: The role of other social science disciplines in IR.

**Required:** Hobden, “Historical sociology: back to the future of international relations?;” Gilpin, *The Political Economy of International Relations*, Introduction

10 Radical Critiques: Feminism, Constructivism
12 Other Cultures, Other Systems?
Discuss: radical criticism of mainstream IR, including its Eurocentrism.

**Required:** Tickner, “A Feminist Critique of Political Realism;” B. G. Jones, *Decolonizing International Relations*, Introduction. **Recommended:** Goldstein and Keohane, “Ideas and Foreign Policy.”

17 No Class
19 The European System Globalized—and Decolonized?

**Required:** Watson, Chs. 7-8, 11, 19, 22; the rest of Carr. **Recommended:** Buzan and Little, “The Idea of ‘International System’.”

20 **In-Class Exam**

II. The History of Inter-State Relations

Feb. 24 The Ancient world
26 Medieval Europe—Church, Empire and trade
Discuss: how to “read” the pre-modern past in IR

**Required:** Watson, Chs. 1-6, 9-10, 12-13; Thucydides, “The Melian Debate.”

Mar. 3 The Renaissance and the Italian city-state
5 Early Modern Europe: before and after Westphalia
Discuss: the key concepts of sovereignty, *raison d'état*, and balance of power in their historical contexts


10 War, Diplomacy and the European State System from Louis XIV to 1789
12 Revolution, war, nationalism and Vienna, 1815
Discuss: European Great Power relations before and after the French Revolution and Napoleon.

**Required:** Watson, Chs. 18-20; Hume, “Of the Balance of Power.”
**Recommended:** Craig and George, *Force and Statecraft*, Ch. 2.

24 The Congress system from Metternich to Bismarck
26 Nationalism, Imperialism and Diplomacy
Discuss: the European system and the nation

**Required:** Watson, Chs. 21-22; von Clausewitz, *On War*, excerpts. **Recommended:** Howard, “The Military Factor in European Expansion.”
Versailles and the “Twenty Years’ Crisis”

WWII and the end of European hegemony

Discuss: consequences of the First World War and the peace for IR.


Cold War

Post-Cold War

Discuss: Morgenthau, Huntington, and Fukuyama.

**Required:** Watson, Ch. 24; Morgenthau, *Politics Among Nations*, Parts One, Two [I-II], and Seven [XX]; Huntington, “The Clash of Civilizations?”, and Fukuyama, “The End of History?”

**III. Interrogating Sovereignty**

Beyond and within the State: the limits of sovereignty

The U.N. and NGOs

Discuss: International Relations and supra-national, sub-national actors.


No Class.

Description, prediction, policy. Does history matter?

Discuss: review session.

**Required:** Watson, Conclusion.

**In-Class Exam.**