

POLSC 250 – 9064 Summer 2025 Organizer

For each week you will have one journal response (your choice), and one discussion board response (chosen for you on Canvas). You will be expected to read each week's journal, but you will only choose one to respond to. You will also be expected to watch each video documentary but will only engage in discussion board responses for one video per week. The instructions for both of these assignments are on Canvas. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Week One

June 16: Lecture 1 – Introduction: What is International Relations?

June 16: Lecture 2 – The Historical Context for International Relations

June 18: Lecture 3 – System Level Theory: Realism

June 18: Lecture 4 – System Level Theory: Liberalism

Week Two

June 23: Lecture 5 – System Level Theory: Class System Theory

June 23: Lecture 6 – System Level Theory: Postmodernism and Feminism

June 25: Lecture 7 – State Level Theory: Political Culture and Decision-Making Process Theory

Week Three

June 30: Lecture 8 – Individual Level Theory: Human Nature and Cognitive Theory

June 30: Lecture 9 – Individual Level Theory: Peace Studies Theory

July 2: Lecture 10 – U.S. Foreign Policy

Week Four

July 7: Lecture 11 – International Political Economy and Globalization: The North

July 7: Lecture 12 – International Political Economy and Globalization: The South

Week Five

July 9: Lecture 13 – Security Theory and Peak Oil

July 9: Lecture 14 – Religion and Nationalism

Week Six

July 14: Lecture 15 – International Relations and the Global Environment