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# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Fall 2004  
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Required texts available for purchase in UC Bookstore: (There are also two copies of each on reserve.)

Joseph Nye. *Understanding International Conflicts: An Introduction to Theory and History*. Longman Publishers, 2005 (fifth edition).

Edward Drachman and Alan Shank with Karla Cunningham and Jeremy Grace. *You Decide! Controversial Global Issues*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2003.

A number of articles will be put on reserve at the Mansfield Library. These will be announced in class.

This is an introductory course. The goal of the class is to introduce students to the serious study of international relations. By serious study I mean an approach to international relations that explores a creative and rigorous interplay between theory and history. It means an approach that focuses on the realities of power: power derived from military might, population, technology, land mass, and population to be sure, but also an approach that considers the influence of ideas and values on public policy decisions. Particularly relevant here would be considerations of science on global environmental decisions and ethical considerations across the public policy map. What role have ethical and rational discourses played in decision-making and the role that ethics could or should play in the future?

This class is designed to prepare citizens to be able to intelligently follow and participate in the making of foreign policy. Equipped with theory and history, citizens are in a much better position to understand and advocate for particular decisions. The first part of the class is designed to provide some of this theoretical and historical equipment. The second half challenges us to think about particular case studies.

**Important dates:** September 20 is the last day to drop class by Cyberbear and receive a full refund. October 11 is the last day to drop courses with instructor and advisor signatures on a drop/add form. October 11 is also the last day to change from credit/no credit (formally, pass/no pass to traditional letter grade or vice versa. See the back of class schedule for more details.

Students are required to read all assigned readings **carefully and before the class period for which they are assigned**. We will discuss and debate issues raised by the readings in class. It will be near to impossible to follow – let alone participate – in these discussions if you have not already read the material. The teaching assistants will be regularly available to discuss the reading and lectures with individuals and groups. Students are strongly encouraged to make use of this opportunity, especially if you are having difficulty understanding the material. Start early and go often. Do not wait until you are in a crisis situation because it is often too late at that point to improve as much as would have been possible if you had addressed your confusions earlier. Students are also strongly encouraged to follow current international events since these will be regularly discussed in class.

Your grade will be based on three exams and a series of short writing assignments and quizzes. Each exam will count for 1/4 of the grade, and the writing assignments and quizzes will also together count for 1/4 of your grade. Exams and quizzes will be based on assigned readings, lectures, class

discussions, films, and guest speakers. There will be no make-ups for quizzes and short in-class writing assignments. Your lowest two grades on these quizzes and assignments will not count toward your grade. Make-up exams will be allowed, but only with a doctor's note, or for non-medical emergencies, with a typed statement addressed to the professor. Students should not make a habit of missing class: your grade will suffer.

If you miss a film showing, you are responsible for locating a copy of the film and watching it on your own. If you miss a guest speaker, you are responsible for finding out what was discussed. If you are going to miss an exam due to illness or emergency, you must contact the professor before the exam date and arrange a makeup. If you do not, you will not be able to make up the exam and will receive an F grade for that exam.

It may become necessary, over the course of the class, to rearrange assignments or alter the schedule. Any changes in scheduling will be announced in class. If you miss class, you are responsible for checking with another student or a TA for lecture notes and any announcements that may have been made regarding scheduling or assignments. I do not post nor do I lend out copies of my lecture notes.

### READING ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAM SCHEDULE

September 2	Nye, chapter 1
September 7	Nye, chapter 2
September 9	Nye, chapter 3
September 14	Nye, chapter 4
September 16	Nye, chapter 5
September 21	Nye, chapter 6
September 23	Nye, chapter 7
September 28	Nye, chapter 8
September 30	Nye, chapter 9
October 5	Exam 1

October 7	Drachman, case 1
October 12	Drachman, case 2
October 14	Drachman, case 3
October 19	Drachman, case 4
October 21	Drachman, case 5
October 26	Drachman, case 6
October 28	Drachman, case 7
November 2	Holiday
November 4	Exam 2

November 9	Drachman, case 8
November 11	Holiday
November 13	Drachman, case 9
November 16	Drachman, case 12
November 18	To be announced
November 23	To be announced
November 25	Holiday
November 30	To be announced
December 2	To be announced
December 7	To be announced
December 9	Exam 3

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Follow these important steps to access your online supplement and your official university email address.

### **Accessing Your Online Supplement(s)**

On the beginning date of your course, usually August 30, you may login to the UOnline Blackboard Website to access your supplement.

- 1) To find your official university username for Blackboard, login to Cyberbear and select *Personal Information*. Select *View Email Addresses*. Your username address is listed under the header *Official University Student E-mail Account* and is in the form fl123456@cue1.umt.edu. The first part of the account, before the @ symbol, is your username. Write this down as you will need it later.
- 2) Log out of Cyberbear.
- 3) Browse to **<http://umonline.umt.edu>**, then click **Login**
- 4) Enter your assigned username. Your password is your date of birth in six-digit format (for example, 062581 for June 25, 1981).

### **Accessing Your Official University Email Address**

Your UOnline instructor will use your **official university email address**, assigned by The University of Montana, to communicate with you. Follow these steps to find and access your official university email address.

To access your official university email address, browse to **<http://cue1.umt.edu>**. Your username is the same as your Blackboard username (see #1 above - *Accessing Your Online Supplement*). Your password is your Cyberbear PIN (Personal Identification Number). (Note: When you were admitted to UM, initially your PIN was your date of birth; you may have changed your PIN since then. Use your current PIN number to access your official university email address.)

Online supplements offer students convenience, flexibility and new approaches to learning. We hope that you have a successful online learning experience.

**Student Blackboard Orientation sessions** will be offered during the first three weeks of classes. Visit the UOnline Student Information pages to view the schedule online:  
**<http://umonline.umt.edu/studentsupport>**

### **Questions? Need help?**

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For help with your UOnline login, contact Marvin Paulson at telephone 406.243.6394 or via email **[marvin.paulson@umontana.edu](mailto:marvin.paulson@umontana.edu)**

For general registration information, contact Clare Kelly at telephone 406.243.4626 or via email **[clare.kelly@umontana.edu](mailto:clare.kelly@umontana.edu)**