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## Course Syllabus Spring 2021

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Class Hours: On-line  
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### Course Description

This course will introduce students to various facets of the relations between nations. It is designed to familiarize students with basic concepts and theories of international relations, including topics about war and peace, domestic influences on foreign policy, international organizations, international trade and finance, environmental problems, etc. The course is not a discussion of current or past events, but rather, a survey of scientific propositions and theoretical debates that help us to analytically understand both history and contemporary issues in world politics.

students to compare prices before making the final purchase. Whichever venue and format is chosen, each student must completely read the entire textbook for the course. The readings should be completed before the first class for which they are assigned.

### Course Requirements

The final grade in this course will be based on three main components: (1) four online exams, (2)

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April 15 (TH) - Review & self-assessment for Exam 4  
April 20 (T) - Exam 4  
April 27 (T)-

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Handbook.

### Equal Opportunity Statement

assures equal opportunity for all qualified persons without regard to race, color,

in admission to, participation in, and treatment or employment in the programs and activities that the University operates. *This policy statement applies equally to the teaching and learning environment within all university recognized courses, curriculum and co-curriculum programs.*

### Practical Advice on Reading and Taking Notes

For your own benefit and not just for this course, I strongly encourage you to read about research, repeatedly showing that taking notes with a laptop or tablet and having an instructor

might process. By contrast,

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<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/a-learning-secret-don-t-take-notes-with-a-laptop/>

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Conflict: Patterns and Causes  
*World Politics*, Ch. 7

REVIEW AND SELF-ASSESSMENT FOR EXAM #2

Thursday, March 4

Security Dilemma, Deterrence, and Arms Control  
*World Politics*, Ch. 8

Just War Tradition and Human Rights  
*World Politics*, Ch. 9

REVIEW AND SELF-ASSESSMENT FOR EXAM #3

Tuesday, March 23

Global Underdevelopment  
*World Politics*, Ch. 13

REVIEW AND SELF-ASSESSMENT FOR EXAM #4

Tuesday, April 20

Documentary TBA

Tuesday, April 27