

POLSC 250 – 9064 Summer 2026 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 15: Lecture 1 – Introduction: What is International Relations?

June 15: Lecture 2 – The Historical Context for International Relations

June 17: Lecture 3 – System Level Theory: Realism

Week Two

June 22: Lecture 4 – System Level Theory: Liberalism

June 22: Lecture 5 – System Level Theory: Class System Theory

June 24: Lecture 6 – System Level Theory: Postmodernism and Feminism

Week Three

June 29: Lecture 7 – State Level Theory: Political Culture / Decision-Making Process

July 1: Lecture 8 – Individual Level Theory: Human Nature and Cognitive Theory

July 1: Lecture 9 – Individual Level Theory: Peace Studies Theory

Week Four

July 6: Lecture 10 – U.S. Foreign Policy

July 8: Lecture 11 – International Political Economy and Globalization: The North

July 8: Lecture 12 – International Political Economy and Globalization: The South

Week Five

July 13: Lecture 13 – Security Theory and Peak Oil

July 15: Lecture 14 – Religion and Nationalism

Week Six

July 20: Lecture 15 – International Relations and the Global Environment