International Conflict

It is accepted commonplace in popular discussion of international relations that this is a basically lawless, anarchic area of human activity. Plausible as this view may be, it is far from being completely true, as the Persian Gulf crisis, Afghanistan and actions in Kosovo demonstrate. For this reason, this course looks at the matter from the opposite point of view. What are the established links and expectations about the behavior between sovereign states that justify one in saying that norms exist and that thus a society of states exists? The subject matter of this course is therefore the operations of tentative and imperfect institutions. Considerations will be given to six main areas of contemporary international relations: 1. Theories of International Conflict; 2. International law, Diplomacy and International Organizations; 3. Causes of War; 4. The Cold War and Post-Cold War Era; 5. Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control. 6. Human Rights and Globalization.

Office Hours:
Monday through Friday: 11:20 a.m. to noon.

Class Meetings:
Classes will meet Monday through Friday at 9:00 a.m. in Bus 257.

Text:
The following text is required.
Might of Nations, Stoessinger, John. 10th Ed.

Course Requirements:
1. Attendance of Class Meetings
2. Successful completion of two exams to be held on May 23, and June 1, 2012.
3. Essay to be discussed in class.

Grading Policy:
Each exam, including the final, will be worth 100 points. The exams will consist of essay questions and short identifications. The grading scale will be the following:

A=300-270 points   B=269-240 points   F=179 or fewer points
C=239-210 points   D=209-180 points

Students Rights and Responsibilities
To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php
**Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies**

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at http://www.utyler.edu/registrar. Each semester’s Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions that students need to be aware of. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

**State-Mandated Course Drop Policy**

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

**Disability Services**

In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodation must provide documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services counselor. If you have a disability, including a learning disability, for which you request an accommodation, please contact the Disability Services office in UC 3150, or call (903) 566-7079.

**Student Absence due to Religious Observance**

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

**Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities**
If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

**Social Security and FERPA Statement:**
It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

**Emergency Exits and Evacuation:**
Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor’s directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

**Course Outline:**

**Introduction**

**Part One: Theories of International Conflict**  
Realism/Neorealism/Idealism/Constructivism/Global Humanism-Stoessinger, Chapters 1 and 2

**Part Two: International Law, International Organizations and Diplomacy-Stoessinger, Chapters 8, 9 and 10**

**Part Three: Causes of War**

**Part Four: The Cold War-Stoessinger, Chapter 3**

**Part Five: Post-Cold War Era-**

**Part Six: Nuclear Weapons/Arms Control-Stoessinger, Chapter 12**

**Part Seven: Human Rights and Transnational Politics/Globalism-Stoessinger, Chapters 4 and 13**

**Conclusion**