Course Description
This course surveys major issues in international politics. The first section addresses changes in international conflict since the end of the Cold War, looking at the cases of interstate and civil wars. The second section considers issues in international political economy, including economic growth and development, the role of international institutions, such as, the WTO, the World Bank and the IMF, and debates regarding globalization. The third part of the course focuses on emerging issues in international relations, namely, the role of international law in international relations, human rights, prospects for international cooperation to resolve environmental problems, and nuclear proliferation.

Course Requirements
Students are expected to attend lectures. Attendance constitutes 15 % of the final grade. There are one midterm and one final exam. Both will be closed book, in class exams. Midterm and final exam constitute, respectively, 35 % and 50 % of the final grade.

Course materials
Readings are available in Mingst & Snyder (2011) or through the JSTOR.

Karen A Mingst and Jack L. Snyder, Essential Readings in World Politics (New York: W.W. Norton, 2011)

Week I
Post-Cold War Conflict: State failure and the Case of Afghanistan


Week II
Civil Wars


**Terrorism**

Mark Juergensmeyer, “From Global Rebellion: Religious Challenges to the Secular State, from Christian Militias to al Qaeda,” in Mingst & Snyder, pp. 166-190.

**Week III**

**Globalization**

Dani Rodrik, “Trading in Illusions”, *Foreign Policy*, Issue 123 (March/April 2001)

Dani Rodrik, “Sense and Nonsense in the Globalization Debate”, *Foreign Policy*, Issue 107 (Summer 1997)

Roger C. Altman, “Globalization in Retreat: Further Geopolitical Consequences of the Financial Crisis”, *Foreign Affairs*, vol. 88, no. 4 (July/August 2009).

**Economic Development and the Role of International Institutions**


**Week IV**

**MIDTERM**

**International Law**


Henry A. Kissenger, “the Pitfalls of Universal Jurisdiction”, in Mingst & Snyder, pp. 265-270.

Kenneth Roth, “The Case for Universal Jurisdiction”, in Mingst & Snyder, pp. 270-274.
Week V

*Human rights*

Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, “Transnational advocacy networks in international politics and human rights advocacy networks in Latin America”, in Mingst & Snyder, pp. 253-164.


*The United Nations, Peacekeeping, and Humanitarian Intervention*


Week VI

*The United Nations, Peacekeeping, and Humanitarian Intervention*


Gareth Evans, “When is it Right to Fight” in Mingst & Snyder, pp. 444-459.

*International Environmental Issues*

Gareth Hardin, “The Tragedy of the Commons,” in Mingst & Snyder, pp. 616-626.


Week VII

*Nuclear Proliferation*

Scott D. Sagan, “How to Keep the Bomb from Iran”, Foreign Affairs, vol. 84, no.5 (September/October 2006).


FINAL EXAM