***INR 2002 – International Relations - Online – Section 497***

***Session II – Spring 2023 – 16 weeks***

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Mondays and Wednesdays 10am-12:30pm

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**Dr. Roberson’s online meeting room:** [**https://spcollege.zoom.us/j/9411950197**](https://spcollege.zoom.us/j/9411950197)

**OR**

**Call in:  Dial by your location  +1 646 558 8656     Meeting ID: 941 195 0197**

**Other times weekly by appointment through Dr. Roberson’s scheduling tool:**

<https://calendly.com/dr-heather-roberson>

**Instructor Web Page:** <https://webapps.spcollege.edu/instructors/id/roberson.heather>

**FREE Required OpenStax Textbook**:

International Relations; S. McGlinchey, University of West England, 2016

(Open Textbook Library)

**Free pdf download found here:**

<http://www.e-ir.info/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/International-Relations-E-IR.pdf>

There are also links to the REQUIRED, free textbook within each chapter module in our course content within myCourses.

**Your textbook and other reading material provided in the course shell should be your PRIMARY sources used in this course. Reading the textbook and supporting material in each module are REQUIRED and are considered essential to be successful in this course.**

***Any outside sources, beyond what is assigned and required in the course, must be approved by Dr. Roberson in advance of your use. Email Dr. Roberson in advance the source link and how you would like to use it in addition to the required course material.***

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the International Political System. Through active learning and critical thinking students will become familiar with the factors that affect relations among nations. This will include an introduction to International Security the development of nationalism, the elements that determine national power and the formulation of a nation’s foreign policy. Through our coursework, we will examine the art of diplomacy, the evolution of international law, the history of militarism and modern dilemma of peacekeeping.  We will also explore the various factors that drive the International Political Economy and the numerous international organizations that work within the interwoven global environment.   Historical, contemporary and current events will be included in our case studies.

**MAJOR LEARNING OUTCOMES & COURSE OBJECTIVES STATED IN PERFORMANCE TERMS:**

<http://www.curricunet.com/stpetersburg/reports/course_outline_pdf.cfm?courses_id=3490>

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

A large volume of material is covered in this course. Students are expected to keep up with the reading and the corresponding assignments. This includes completing the assigned reading, reviewing the chapter notes and completing any additional online tasks. In addition, it is vital that students stay up on current events in order to facilitate online discussions and enhance your overall learning experience.

The online portion of this course is your primary source of interaction with the material covered, the instructor and your fellow classmates. Students are required to maintain frequent online course activity throughout the semester. Your online activities will include, but not be limited to: retrieving scheduled assignments, accessing instructor notes, participating in online chats with the instructor and fellow students, utilizing self assessment tools, and downloading exams for independent completion. Your online contacts for this course will be monitored and included as part of your participation grade. A student’s frequency of online activity is vital to success in this course.

**Special Syllabus Statement:**

**Students are encouraged to employ critical thinking and to rely on data and verifiable sources to interrogate all assigned readings and subject matter in this course as a way of determining whether they agree with their classmates and/or their instructor. No lesson is intended to espouse, promote, advance, inculcate, or compel a particular feeling, perception, viewpoint or belief.**

**EXAMS**

***(details for other graded assignments/quizzes/discussions are found online in our myCourses shell)***

There will be two (2) exams with a total of 100 points each. They will be posted online at the end of each corresponding section. Exams will consist entirely of essay questions. Students will download the questions and return the completed exam to the instructor by a date specified. ***Answers must be in essay form.*** This means that a student’s answers must be well thought out, organized, detailed and thorough. Since you are completing these exams independently, a high level of effort and intellect should be included in your answers.

**WRITING REQUIREMENTS**

INR2002 is a college level writing course. As part of the class, each student is required to complete a significant number of assignments that include college level writing. This will be fulfilled in the form the three essay exams. Details explaining these assignment and guidelines for research and documentation can be found on the course web site.  In addition to the essay exams, college level writing and responses are expected as part of the chapter web assignments and discussion boards.

**CITATION REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS:**

**You must use the APA citation standards for all writing assignments in this course.** You can access APA citation style handouts online through the SPC library online web site. To access a page of links and information on the APA citation style, go to the SPC library online Web site at <http://spcollege.libguides.com/citations> Click on the APA style near the top of the page. Additional resources for APA format are found within the course content area of our course site.

***APA citations are required for all assignments/discussions/exams/papers in which a student is reading information and then reporting on what they have read or researched.***

***Please review the APA citation and plagiarism resources found in our myCourses class site.   WHEN IN DOUBT, CITE!!!***

***Citations are REQUIRED for any portion of your writing that is NOT opinion. Paraphrased, summarized, or other information that is reported/found in a source must be cited within your writing.***

***There are NO QUOTES permitted in papers in this course. You must be paraphrasing then citing WITHOUT DIRECT QUOTES in APA citation form to meet college level academic writing standards with proper in text citations within your writing and a full citation reference list at the end. See the resources in our course content to assist with this requirement.***

***Again, NO DIRECT QUOTES are permitted in assignments or papers in this course.***

***Students that do not CITE in APA with BOTH in text parenthetical references in their writing PLUS full citations at the end as a references section will receive a zero for the assignment and reported as violating SPC academic integrity policies.***

In addition, **students are NOT permitted to use Wikipedia, encyclopedias, dictionaries, blogs, study tools, or any other sources that are considered to be k-12 level sources in this course.** Your textbook, the SPC library database, and other academic or scholarly websites should be used per the instructions in each activity in this course. **If you would like to use sources beyond the sources provided and required in the course, said sources MUST BE APPROVED by Dr. Roberson BEFORE you use them in your work.**

**Turnitin Information:**

The instructor of this course provides access to Turnitin.com as a tool to promote learning. **Turnitin is automatically integrated within each dropbox in myCourses. You do not need to submit a separate file to Turnitin directly.**

The Turnitin tool flags similarity and mechanical issues in written work that merit review. Use of the service enables students and faculty to identify areas that can be strengthened through improved paraphrasing, integration of sources, or proper citation.

Submitted papers remain as source documents in the Turnitin database solely for the purpose of detecting originality. Students retain full copyright to their works. The Turnitin Usage Agreement can be reviewed at <https://turnitin.com/agreement.asp>? Students who do not wish to submit work through Turnitin must notify their instructor via course email within the first seven days of the course. In lieu of Turnitin use, faculty may require a student to submit copies of sources, preliminary drafts, a research journal or an annotated bibliography.

**PARTICIPATION POLICIES:**

Weekly participation is essential to success in this course. Students are expected to view & read the assigned pages as well as complete the lessons **EACH WEEK** in order to demonstrate ***continuous*** ***active participation*** in this course.  **In order to maintain active participation in the course,** **students must complete chapter web assignments, discussion questions, and essay exams as we progress through the semester.**

It is vital for students to keep current with readings and class activities in order to avoid getting behind in this course. Your online activity will be monitored and included as part of your participation grade. This is comprised of a series of web exploration assignments and weekly chapter discussion topics that you will need to complete as part of your participation grade.  Again, frequent online participation is essential to success in this course.

**Web Exploration Assignments:**  These are graded assignments released throughout the semester.  Please refer to the course schedule and course calendar tool to track the web assignment due dates.  You will find each web assignment contained within the course content area in the specific chapter folder from which it is assigned.

**Discussion Boards**:  You are expected to participate in the discussion board - at your convenience AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK the entire semester.  You can choose a topic, respond with your views or pose another thought provoking subject.  Discussion boards are tracked but not graded.

If a student ceases to complete the scheduled assignments and / or essays in a timely manner, he or she will be considered non-participating and therefore eligible for a “WF” at the 60% point in the semester.  If a student’s status changes to non-participating after the 60% drop date, the student will be awarded a failing grade for the course. You may withdraw yourself with a “**W” on or before March 29, 2023.** Students will receive a “WF” for withdrawals after the voluntary withdrawal deadline.

**GRADE BREAKDOWN AND** [[[[**GRADING SCALE**](http://www.spcollege.edu/central/libonline/)](http://www.wwnorton.com/college/polisci/we-the-people8/shorter/)](http://www.wwnorton.com/college/polisci/we-the-people8/shorter/)](http://www.wwnorton.com/college/polisci/we-the-people8/shorter/)

**Assignments:**

2 Essay Exams 200 points each 400 total

10 Chapter Quizzes 20 points each 200 total

2 Web Assignments 100 points each 200 total

4 Discussions 50 points each 200 total

1000 total overall possible points

***Final overall points total is NOT rounded up and is NOT based on percentages. There is no rounding up in this course.***

**Overall Grade Scale**

900 and up = A

800 – 899 = B

700 – 799 = C

600 – 699 = D

599 and below = F

\*\*\* Overall Points will NOT be rounded up for the final grade

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT POLICIES:**

**Students are responsible for all assignments due and material covered during the semester. It is the responsibility of the student to remain in contact with the instructor if any problem of concern arises.**

If you are having trouble completing the obligations of this course, it is up to you to contact the instructor immediately. If a student neglects to contact the instructor and online activity by the student has ceased, the instructor may drop a student at any time without notice. Students are encouraged to remain in contact with me via email, phone, or by setting up an online appointment.

**Since this course touches on various political subjects and the sometimes-controversial dynamics of International Relations and Government, it is essential for us to maintain a civil online environment. Whether on the course discussion board, exchanging emails or during online interactions students are expected to show the utmost respect and courtesy for peers with similar AND differing viewpoints.**

If you experience a problem with another student regarding discussion board postings – please contact me immediately.  Each student is expected to respect the views of others without attacking the individual.  You are expected to be diplomatic in every on line exchange.  Please proof read each of your messages before you decide to post them, making sure that you are saying what you would like to say in the manner in which you would like it read.

In addition, it is important to remember that on line discussion is quite different from face to face interaction.  There are only the written words and the imagination of the reader as to what was “meant” by certain phrasings – so please be considerate of others to make sure that your messages seek to discuss why you have a certain opinion rather than personal attacks.  Again, this is a course about politics, so there will be many viewpoints that will spark lively discussion in which academic exchange can take place.  Remember to have fun 

**ASSIGNMENT/ EXAM COMPLETION:**

Due to the nature of the testing in this course, **NO MAKE-UP EXAMS are permitted**.  Again, make-up exams are NOT permitted.

**ALL assignments/exams completed through MYCOURSES must be submitted or completed within the assignment or exam folder.**

**Emailed assignments will NOT be graded.**  Again, assignments or other files that are emailed will not be accepted and the student will receive a zero for the task.

If you experience a technical problem and it impedes your ability to submit the assignment/exam properly, it must be documented and verified by the SPC technology helpdesk (727) 341-HELP – and you must for this IMMEDIATELY.  In addition, you must contact me before the due date/time to let me know your technical problem.  Remember, your phone works well if your internet is out.

You will know all due dates and deadlines well in advance, so you should make sure to plan ample time, well in advance of the due dates, to be online via your computer or the college’s computers in order to complete coursework for this class.  Only ONE technical difficulty “mulligan” is permitted only if you contact me by the due/closing date/time AND with proper documentation and verification of the problem.   

***Cheating and plagiarism are strictly prohibited and will be dealt with according to SPC policies!***

**ACADEMIC HONESTY**

St. Petersburg College has an Academic Honesty Policy. All students are required to abide by the following Academic Honesty Guidelines:

Each student is required to subscribe to the Guidelines upon registration each semester by signing the following pledge which is contained on the Registration and Drop/Add Form:

Understand that SPC expects its students to be honest in all of their academic work. Agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the College.

A copy of this form can be obtained at the Office of the Registrar.

II. The conduct set forth hereinafter constitutes a violation of the Academic Honesty Guidelines. Those adjudged to have committed such conduct shall be subject to discipline up to dismissal.

A. **Cheating** - the improper taking or tendering of any information or material which shall be used to determine academic credit. Taking of information includes, but is not limited to, copying graded homework assignments from another student; working together with another individual(s) on a take-home test or homework when not specifically permitted by the instructor; looking or attempting to look at another student’s paper during an examination and; looking or attempting to look at text or notes during an examination when not permitted. Tendering of information includes, but is not limited to, giving your work to another student to be used or copied; giving someone answers to exam questions either when the exam is being given or after having taken an exam; giving or selling a term paper or other written materials to another student; sharing information on a graded assignment.

B. **Plagiarism** - The attempt to represent the work of another as the product of one’s own thought, whether the other’s work is published or unpublished, or simply the work of a fellow student. **Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, quoting oral or written materials without citation on an exam, term paper, homework, or other written materials or oral presentations for an academic requirement;** submitting a paper which was purchased from a term paper service as your own work; submitting anyone else’s paper as your own work.

C**. Bribery** - The offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any materials, items or services of value to gain academic advantage for yourself or another.

D. **Misrepresentation** - Any act or omission with intent to deceive an instructor for academic advantage. Misrepresentation includes using computer programs generated by another and handing it in as your own work unless expressly allowed by the instructor; lying to an instructor to increase your grade; lying or misrepresenting facts when confronted with an allegation of academic dishonesty.

E. **Conspiracy** - The planning or acting with one or more persons to commit any form of academic dishonesty to gain academic advantage for yourself or another.

F. **Fabrication** - The use of invented or fabricated information, or the falsification of research or other findings with the intent to deceive for academic professional advantage.  
  
Cheating of any kind is not acceptable. Cheating, whether on quizzes, exams or any assignments, is an attempt to get a grade without learning or earning. **This includes posting your work on the internet where others can view and/or download**. Any of these violations and those listed above, violates the rights of your fellow students who do not cheat. I**f a student is caught cheating, including plagiarizing, he/she will receive an F for the course and be reported to college administration.**

View the [Academic Honesty Policy](file:///\\d2l\lor\viewer\view.d2l?ou=103368&loIdentId=2224)

**COPYRIGHT**

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**STUDENT SURVEY OF INSTRUCTION**

The Student Survey of Instruction is administered in courses each semester. It is designed to improve the quality of instruction at St. Petersburg College. All student responses are confidential and anonymous and will be used solely for the purpose of performance improvement.

**TECHNOLOGY - MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

View the [MyCourses Minimum Technology Requirements](file:///\\d2l\lor\viewer\view.d2l?ou=103368&loIdentId=2211)

Students should know how to navigate the course and use the course tools. Dropbox-style assignments may require attachments in either Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or Rich Text Format (.rtf), so that they can be properly evaluated. If an attachment cannot be opened by the instructor, students will be required to re-format and re-submit an assignment so that it can be evaluated and returned with feedback.

**Minimum Technical Skills:** Specify the minimum technical skills expected of the learner: general and course-specific learners must have to succeed in the course.

MyCourses tutorials are available to students new to this LMS and are located at the beginning of the course. Most features on MyCourses are accessible on mobile devices, although it is recommended that you use a computer for quizzes, tests, and essay assignments.

**ACCESSIBILITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

* [MyCourses (Brightspace by Desire2Learn) Accessibility](http://www.brightspace.com/about/accessibility)
* [Turnitin Accessibility](http://turnitin.com/en_us/about-us/accessibility)
* [Google (YouTube) Accessibility](http://www.google.com/accessibility/)
* [Films on Demand](http://films.com/captioncert.aspx)

**PRIVACY**

* [MyCourses (Brightspace by Desire2Learn) Privacy](http://www.brightspace.com/legal/privacy)
* [Turnitin Privacy](http://turnitin.com/en_us/about-us/privacy)
* [YouTube Privacy](https://www.youtube.com/static?template=privacy_guidelines)

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

Technical support is available via the [Technical Support Desk](file:///\\d2l\lor\viewer\view.d2l?ou=103368&loIdentId=2225).

The phone number for the St. Petersburg College Help desk is 727-341-HELP (4357). Please place the phone number in your cell phone and on your computer. Do not hesitate to call this number should you encounter a technical obstacle. Calling the Help desk and emailing your instructor, should help you not only to succeed but also to minimize your technological frustrations.

**INSTRUCTIONAL CONTINUITY PLAN - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS POLICY**

The St. Petersburg College website at [www.spcollege.edu](http://www.spcollege.edu/) is the official source of college information regarding the status of the institution. Other important information will be communicated via SPC Alert, local media outlets, and the college toll-free phone number 866-822-3978. All decisions concerning the discontinuation of college functions, cancellation of classes, or cessation of operations rest with the President or his/her designee. The College realizes that it is possible for a significant natural disaster to compromise SPC campus facilities sufficiently to disrupt the delivery of classes on campus/campuses for an extended period of time, and is planning ways our operations can continue following such an emergency.

So, in the event that a hurricane or other natural disaster causes significant damage to St. Petersburg College facilities, you may be provided the opportunity to complete your course work online. Following the event, please visit the college website for an announcement of the College's plan to resume operations.

Further, in the event of such a disaster, the instructor will continue using the Learning Management System (LMS) of MyCourses for continuation of all required learning and instructional activities in this course, including the issuing of graded online assignments and expectation of student completion of those graded assignments.

Therefore, in order to keep up with all activities in this course during and after a natural disaster, please plan to continue this course by maintaining online access to MyCourses in lieu of meeting in a classroom—possibly through duration of the course’s regularly scheduled end date. We will finish this course in MyCourses, as directed by your instructor online, and your instructor will use all graded assignments—both online and formerly on-campus—to assess and issue your final letter grade for this course, as normally planned, despite occurrence of the natural disaster.

**SPC’s STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SAP**

As a SPC student its vital that you know Titans Care.  You can access resources through SPC’s Student Assistance Program (SAP) (<https://mycoursessupport.spcollege.edu/student-assistance-program>), a collaborative resource for students with mental health or general life issues.  SAP provides help and education in suicide prevention, mental health, substance abuse awareness and more.  It is SPC’s belief that supporting mental wellness is everyone’s charge, and that one loss as a result of substance abuse, mental illness, or suicide is one too many. If you or a loved one are considering suicide, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

**SPC Syllabus addendum:**  Please read through the SPC policies and deadlines –

<http://www.spcollege.edu/addendum/>

**College Catalog**: <http://www.spcollege.edu/catalog/>

**VALUABLE RESOURCES**

Tutoring/Study Skills Information:  <http://www.spcollege.edu/support/>

Technical Support Help Desk: 727-341-4357     <http://webapps.spcollege.edu/helpdesk/>

MyCourses Support: <https://mycoursessupport.spcollege.edu/mycourses-support>

Student Support Services Hub: <https://mycoursessupport.spcollege.edu/student-services-hub>

Accident and Health Insurance information is available in the Business Office

Counseling:   727-712-5761 <https://www.spcollege.edu/general_info_detail/>

International Students:  <http://www.spcollege.edu/internationalstudents/>

Career Development Center: 727-712-5438 <http://www.spcollege.edu/careerservices/>