This course will address such questions as:

- Which theoretical lenses best help us understand the evolution of international politics?
- How has the relative power of states affected the international system’s architecture? What are the components of the architecture of the international system?
- What role does state economic power play in our international system?
- What role can ideas play in a world often governed by military power?
- Under what conditions can states achieve cooperation?
- How are regional and multilateral organizations changing international politics among states?
- How can we understand the changing nature of the state and the resultant changes in international politics?
- In what ways do non state actors (ranging from not-for-profit organizations to terrorist organizations) influence international politics?
- How are regional state powers such as Iran, Saudi Arabia, Russia, and Germany, influencing international affairs?
- How do China, the USA, and the EU differ in their approaches to international politics and the reform of international institutions?

**Grades** will be based on the following percentages:

- **Comparative Review Essay** 20%
- **Policy Memo** 30%
- **Final Exam** 30%
- **General participation** 20%
Students are required to attend and constructively participate in class, to complete assignments, and to attend any scheduled talks or movies that take place (including in the evening) unless they have a legitimate excuse not to attend and that absence was negotiated with the professor. Obviously, you cannot participate if you do not attend class. You will have to complete written postings on some speakers and/or events as part of your participation grade. The professor reserves the right to swap assigned readings on the syllabus for other readings, or to add to the syllabus.

If you travel with a dance troupe or sports team/club and expect to occasionally miss a class or a speaker, please advise the professor in writing/email in advance of your absence. I do not re-teach a class because a student did not attend. Each student is responsible for obtaining the class notes from the class that he/she missed from a classmate. If, after reading the notes, you have questions about the material, please come see me during office hours. But again, I do not re-teach an entire class because a student did not attend it.

Your textbook [John Baylis, Steve Smith, and Patricia Owens, The Globalization of World Politics (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011 fifth edition)] is available for purchase at the Barnes and Nobles bookstore. Your readings that are not from the textbook are posted on blackboard.

Each of your course assignments must be submitted in hardcopy by the assigned deadline. Additionally, you must submit an electronic copy of each of your assignments on blackboard within 20 minutes of the assignment deadline.

Your Professional Conduct:
You are responsible for the information in the readings and also for class and related material from speakers, etc. The day each reading is due is noted on your syllabus. When material is presented in class that is not included in the reading, you are responsible for that material. If you miss class, get the notes or you will not be able to offer complete answers to questions asked on the final exam.

Please familiarize yourself with the Oberlin Honor Code which guides your work in this and all your classes at Oberlin College, especially with regard to plagiarism and not submitting the same work in two courses. http://www.oberlin.edu/students/student_pages/honor_code.html
You are responsible for researching and writing your own assignments. It is a violation of Oberlin College’s honor code to have someone else do the work for which you receive a grade. Additionally, using another author’s work without proper attribution (plagiarism) is criminal theft. This is both morally wrong and legally actionable.

However, you may share resource leads and discuss the readings with other students. You may help edit each other’s work and give each other feedback on the organization of a paper and how well a thesis is argued/supported. You are encouraged to consult with the college writing tutors (you will find their hours posted at Mudd library).

According to the Oberlin College honor code, you must inform the student honor committee if you have knowledge of any infraction of the honor code. The honor code applies to all work, not just exams. Therefore, you must sign your work (as indicated on the honors website) appropriately before submitting it. You may type the inscription for an electronic submission.

As is normal college policy, you may not alter the date or time of your final exam to accommodate travel plans. I CANNOT reschedule your exam for ANY reason. Only Dean Kathryn Stuart (Dean of Studies with offices in Peters Hall) can alter your exam time in the case of an exceptional reason (she will not consider it exceptional if you failed to secure a plane ticket to accommodate your assigned exam times). Please check the college exam schedule of your classes before purchasing airline tickets home. You must take all exams at the official times scheduled. Your scheduled final exam for this class -- POLT 120 -- is: Wednesday, December 18, 2013 from 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

"The management of a balance of power is a permanent undertaking, not an exertion that has a foreseeable end."
Henry Kissinger

"We have, I fear, confused power with greatness."  Stewart Udall

“All warfare is based on deception.”
Sun Tzu
“To win one hundred victories in one hundred battles is not the acme of skill. To subdue the enemy without fighting is the acme of skill.”
Sun Tzu

Tuesday September 3, 2013: Highlights from the Syllabus; The Emergence of the Modern State System
I. Professor Sandberg will offer a brief overview of the emergence of the modern state system.
II. Some Core Terms and Concepts:
Empires; development of an international system of states; Treaty of Westphalia 1648; Great Power Politics; Revolutions; Concert of Europe; Balance of Power; Congress of Vienna 1814-1815; Imperialism; Colonialism; Condominiums; The Great Game; Silk Road; Entangling Alliances; Treaty of Versailles 1919; Genocide; Holocaust; League of Nations;

Thursday September 5, 2013
No Class. Observance of Religious Holiday

Tuesday September 10, 2013: Realism - the Core Theory in International Politics
Suresht Bald, Adaptation of the “Melian Dialogue” from Thucydides, Peloponnesian War [http://www.nku.edu/~weirk/ir/melian.html]
(George Kennan) X, “The Sources of Soviet Conduct” Foreign Affairs vol 25. no. 2. (July 1947), 852-868.

Thursday September 12, 2013: Structural Realism
Discussion of First Assignment: Comparative Review Essay

Tuesday September 17, 2013: Alternative Approaches to International Relations

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17, 2013 6:00 PM (Cleveland) UNION CLUB – “Balancing Pressure with Diplomacy: US Strategy with Iran at a Critical Juncture”

Thursday September 19, 2013: Applying International Relations Theory to the BRIC Countries
Sumit Ganguly, “India's Foreign Policy Grows Up” World Policy Journal Vol. XX, No. 4. (Winter 2003/04)

What are the supports for and obstacles to China’s/India’s emerging empire?
What geopolitical strategies is China/India pursuing?
What would international relations theory predict would be the foreign policies of these two countries and other countries’ in response to their rise?

Friday, September 21 Absentee Ballots Available in Ohio for Nov 5 Election in Ohio.
Tuesday September 24, 2013: Post-World War II Architecture of Economic Institutions

Some Core Terms and Concepts:
The Great Depression; The Bretton Woods System; Marshall Plan; gold standard (dollar standard); protectionism; Liberal economics; Marxist economics; Mercantilist economics; Neo-Liberal Institutionalist; Realist/Neorealist; Development Theories (Modernization; Dependency; Interdependency); Rational Choice; Globalization.

In-Class Discussion of “Writing a Memo” Assignment

Thursday September 26, 2013, Noon to 1:00 p.m. (ET)
"Challenges of Global Governance" Stewart M. Patrick, Senior Fellow and Director of the International Institutions and Global Governance Program, CFR.
How new threats and rising powers are altering world politics and how multilateral institutions can adapt.
Thursday September 26, 2013: Basic Concepts in Understanding Marxist Theories of International Politics

Core Terms and Concepts: Class; Lenin’s Imperialism; Luxemburg’s Accumulation of Capital; World Systems Theory- core and periphery; Dependency Theory; Gramsci’s hegemony; Robert Cox’s analysis of (power in the) World Order; the “Washington Consensus”; Critical Theory and the theses of Justin Rosenberg and Benno Teschke; post structuralism; intertextuality; Richard Ashley’s “realism’s double move”; cultural theories of international relations.

Tuesday October 1, 2013: Terrorists, al-Qaida, and Theories of International Relations

Peter Baker “Pivoting From a War Footing, Obama Acts to Curtail Drones” New York Times May 23, 2013
Thursday October 3, 2013. Class library research session!

Megan Mitchell, Reference and Instruction Librarian
Room: TBA
Monday, October 7, 2013 Final Deadline to Register to Vote in the Nov 5 Election in Ohio.

Tuesday October 8, 2013: Human Rights in International Politics
Human Rights, Interventions, and the Responsibility to Protect (R2P)

Read both textbook chapters and also complete two other readings from below:


Development and Human Rights

Responsibility to Protect

Terrorists and Our Rights

Terrorists and Their Rights
Ted Lapkin, Does Human Rights Law Apply to Terrorists? Middle East Quarterly Fall 2004, pp. 3-13

I also urge the Obama administration - both on its own and in cooperation with other responsible governments around the world - to use all legal means necessary to shut down WikiLeaks before it can do more damage by releasing additional cables. WikiLeaks' activities represent a shared threat to collective international security.

Senator Joseph Lieberman
Thursday October 10, 2013: Anti-Americanism, Blowback, Issues of Imperialism

G. John Ikenberry, “America’s Imperial Ambition” *Foreign Affairs* (September/October 2002), 44-60.


Center for International Development (CID) at Harvard University, *Washington Consensus*
http://www.cid.harvard.edu/cidtrade/issues/washington.html

U.S. Marine General Smedley D. Butler stated in 1931:
"I helped make Mexico safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking houses of Brown Brothers... I helped make Honduras 'right' for American fruit companies. Looking back on it, I might have given Al Capone a few hints."

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Wednesday, October 9, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
"U.S. Foreign Policy and the Rights of Women and Girls"
Rachel B. Vogelstein, Fellow for Women and Foreign Policy, CFR

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Monday October 14, 2013: Comparative Academic Review Is Due
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Tuesday October 15, 2013: Non State Actors (non Military)


Thursday October 17, 2013: The United Nations and International Organizations
Raf Sanchez and Roland Oliphant “Syria: Russia Dooms Hopes of UN Security Resolution” *Telegraph* August 26, 2012

Fall Recess: Saturday, October 19 - Sunday, October 27

Tuesday October 29, 2013: Environmental Issues
Peter Haas, "Do Regimes Matter? Epistemic Communities and Mediterranean Pollution Control" *International Organization* 43 3 Summer 1989

Thursday October 31, 2013: Regionalism and the EU
Robert Hormats speech on The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). April 23, 2013
Tuesday, November 5, 2013: REMEMBER TO VOTE!!!! ELECTION DAY in OHIO

Tuesday, November 5, 2013, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
American Grand Strategy"
Richard N. Haass, President, CFR

Tuesday, November 5, 2013: Video Arming the Heavens
Video and discussion: “Arming the Heavens”

Thursday, November 7, 2013: North Atlantic Treaty Organization
What is NATO and who are its members?
http://www.nato.int/nato-welcome/index.html
Heather A. Conley and Maren Leed “NATO in the Land of Pretend” Center for Strategic and International Studies June 26, 2013

November 8, 2013 Peter Baker (NYT)
speaking on Oberlin College Campus
time and place TBA

Tuesday, November 12, 2013: Blackmarkets and Pirates: Drugs, Diamonds, and Ransom
http://www.africanexecutive.com/modules/magazine/articles.php?article=40 60
Thursday November 14, 2013: Nuclear Weapons

Tuesday November 19, 2013: Poverty and Development
Primary Source Documents. “Clinton Tours Pakistan, Announces $7.5 Billion in Aid” and other releases *Foreign Policy Bulletin* Volume 20, issue 1 (March 2010), p. 38-53

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Thursday, November 21, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
"Pandemic Preparedness"
Laurie Garrett, Senior Fellow for Global Health, CFR

Thursday November 21, 2013: Foreign Aid and Debt Forgiveness

Thursday November 28, 2013 Happy Thanksgiving!!

Tuesday December 3, 2013: Rethinking the Global Role of the United States
Barnett R. Rubin and Ahmed Rashid, “From Great Game to Grand Bargain: Ending Chaos in Afghanistan and Pakistan” Foreign Affairs, Vol. 87, No. 6 (November/December 2008), 30-44
Condoleezza Rice, Rethinking the National Interest American Realism for a New World Foreign Affairs (July/August 2008), 2-26.

From the Project for a New American Century, established 1997 whose many policies were adopted by President George W. Bush:

“a foreign policy that boldly and purposefully promotes American principles abroad; and national leadership that accepts the United States’ global responsibilities”

“if we shirk our responsibilities, we invite challenges to our fundamental interests. The history of the 20th century should have taught us that it is important to shape circumstances before crises emerge,” … “The history of the past century should have taught us to embrace the cause of American leadership.”

Wednesday, December 4, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
“The State of U.S.-Pakistan Relations”
Daniel Markey, Senior Fellow for India, Pakistan, and South Asia, CFR
Thursday December 5, 2013: Clash of Civilization, End of History, the Rise and Fall of the Influence of Empires
Francis Fukuyama, “The End of History” The National Interest Summer 1989

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Tuesday December 10, 2013 wrap up

Thursday December 12, 2013 wrap up
Sandberg Syllabus Addendum Fall 2013
Council on Foreign Relations Conference Calls
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   Max Boot, Jeane J. Kirkpatrick Senior Fellow for National Security Studies, CFR

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