

Review Sheet for Exam #2
PSCI 3810 / Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2020)

Exam Format

- This examination will feature one sections: a 40-question multiple choice section (the short answer and map sections will not be used for the online version of this course).
- The exam will be offered during the regular scheduled class time listed in the syllabus -- note that this is the only part of the course that will not be offered asynchronously in the online version of the course. The exam will be made available in Canvas at the start of that class period, and the exam will be concluded (whether or not you are finished) at the end of it.

Advice on Studying

- The exam will draw from both the assigned readings and the lecture notes. Be aware that around 1/3 of the exam questions will be drawn from materials in the readings that were not covered in lecture, with the rest coming from lecture (either topics that were only covered in lecture, or topics that were covered in both lecture and the readings).
- Note that in the past, questions drawn from the readings (even on concepts or topics specifically listed on the review sheet) have produced the lowest scores of any questions on the test, so you should take special care to study these topics on the review sheet.
- The exam will not be written with the intention of fooling students with trick questions or with the goal of failing as many students as possible. The main goal of this course is to provide students with an understanding of how international relations works, so the exam questions will reflect this goal.
- This list is not legally binding; these are just suggestions for the most important topics that are most likely to be on the test (some of which may not actually appear on the test). If you understand all of these topics you are likely to do well on the test.
- The textbook offers a number of useful study aids to help you to prepare for the exam. Each chapter begins with a list of **learning objectives**, or major concepts/topics that you should understand if you want to do well on the test. Each page of the book includes notes in the margins about **key terms** that you should be familiar with; many of these may be on the test. Each chapter concludes with **review questions**, which will help you determine how well you understand the material. There is also a **review card** at the back of the book with additional material about each chapter.
- Although this list of topics only mentions "additional topics from the readings" that were not covered in lecture, also be sure to go over topics from the readings that were covered in lecture; quite often, the book will discuss additional details or perspectives on these same topics.

Armed Conflict & Cooperation

Topics Covered in Lecture

- Definitions: conflict, crisis/militarized interstate dispute, war, unstable/negative & stable/positive peace
- Political purpose of armed conflict (contentious issues)
- Major patterns in armed conflict & related concepts
- Anarchy, para bellum, and the security dilemma
- The Prisoners' Dilemma (PD) game and cooperation (best joint vs. individual solutions)

Additional Topics from the Readings (SCD Chapter 5-1, 5-2, 1-5, 2-1b)

- Types of war (conventional, unconventional, civil, asymmetric, terrorism)
- Patterns in the nature and evolution of war
- Stag Hunt game (including differences from PD) and commitment problems
- Theory in action: collective action problems
- More details on security dilemma

Interstate Conflict

Topics Covered in Lecture

- J. David Singer's First Law
- Individual-level causes of war (human nature, misperception/deviations from rationality): basic theoretical logic, evidence/scientific value of each
- State/Domestic-level causes (group dynamics/groupthink, diversionary theory, SOPs/cult of the offensive): basic theoretical logic, evidence/scientific value of each
- Interstate-level causes (arms races, crisis bargaining, contentious issues): basic theoretical logic, evidence/scientific value of each
- Global-level causes (polarity, power transition): basic theoretical logic, evidence/scientific value of each

Additional Topics from the Readings (SCD Chapter 5-3)

- Other causes of war at each level of analysis

Intrastate Conflict

Topics Covered in Lecture

- Definition / major patterns of intrastate conflict
- Purpose(s) behind intrastate conflict (contentious issues / desired changes)
- Major factors affecting intrastate conflict (relative deprivation, primordialism, instrumentalism, govt effectiveness): basic theoretical logic, application of each to former Yugoslavia
- Definition / major goals / patterns of terrorism (and how it differs from conventional conflict)
- Development of human rights norms (3 generations: individual, societal, group rights)
- Efforts to protect human rights (tribunals, Convention on Genocide, Universal Declaration of Human Rights)
- Impact of human rights (signing treaties/conventions, naming and shaming, enforcement)

Additional Topics from the Readings (SCD Chapter 11)

- More details on causes of civil wars (*Chapter 5-3*)
- More details on terrorism (*Chapter 5-1b*)
- More details on individual, societal, and group rights
- More details on the human rights regime (Nuremberg, 1948 conventions, later tribunals, ICC)
- Impact of human rights regime on state behavior (acceptance of conventions, enforcement issues, ICC results, naming and shaming)

Realist Solutions

Topics Covered in Lecture

- Realist perspectives on conflict and cooperation, realist solutions (para bellum, BOP)
- Military spending: major patterns (overall and as % of GDP)
- Armaments: major patterns, arguments for both conventional weapons and WMDs
- Benefits and risks of military alliances
- Evidence on the effectiveness of these realist solutions (conventional, WMDs, alliances)
- Balance of power: basic argument, have leaders followed this?, has it worked?

Additional Topics from the Readings (SCD Chapter 6-1, 6-2, Schmitt & Myers)

- More details on military spending, armaments, and alliances
- More details on balance of power
- More details on using force (including deterrence, defense, prevention/preemption, and compellence)
- News story: which solution to conflict is being proposed, and why?

Liberal/Institutionalist Solutions

Topics Covered in Lecture

- Conditions allowing cooperation under anarchy (non-PD situations like Chicken or Stag Hunt, time / iterated games, shadow of the future, tit for tat)
- International law: different legal traditions, differences from domestic law, major functions/purposes
- The World Court (ICJ): structure, history, jurisdiction, usage/effectiveness
- The UN: major goals (3 pillars), major organs (Secretary General, General Assembly, Security Council, other agencies): membership, functions, rationale, budget
- Evaluation of law and IOs: strengths, weaknesses
- Arms control and disarmament: basic idea, examples, major obstacles
- Democratic peace/Liberal peace: theoretical arguments, effectiveness

Additional Topics from the Readings (SCD Chapter 7, 7-3, 6-3a, 6-3b, 6-3c)

- More detail on liberal approaches covered in lecture
- Diplomacy: nature/role, the art of diplomacy, forms, ending wars
- Collective security, security communities