



Final Exam – Review/Preview

The final exam will take place at the date, time and location scheduled by the University:



The duration of the exam will be 1 hour and 30 minutes.

The exam will consist of two parts.

Part I will be worth 25% and Part II 75% of the grade of the exam.

Part I

In this part of the exam, you will have to answer 12-15 short questions, such as multiple-choice, true-false, and one-word answer questions similar in style to those on the Quiz early in the term. These questions will cover the material since the Quiz (beginning with and including the week on Realism and Liberalism up to and including the week on Human Rights). You should spend about 15 minutes on this part of the exam.

Concepts and themes you should review in preparation for Part I of the exam include:

Realism and Liberalism

- Realist vs. liberal approaches to the state and anarchy in IR
- Facilitating conditions of cooperation according to liberal IR theory
- Democratic peace theory

Marxism and Constructivism

- **Class structure in international relations**
- Marxist vs. realist conceptions of hegemony
- Rationalist vs. constructivist models of action
- **Cultures of anarchy**
- Life cycle of norms

Feminism

- “Waves” of feminist theory and practice
- Gender as a dimension of theory and practice in international relations
- Intersectionality
- Different types of feminism and emancipation

War and International Security

- The “three images” and the causes of war
- Traditional (“causal”) vs. sociological (“war and society”) approaches to war
- Clausewitz’s (main) contributions to the study of war
- Connected histories of wars in the West and the global South
- Traditional vs. expanded understandings of security
- International security and IR theory

Global Political Economy, Development, and Democracy

- Bretton Woods system
- Neoliberalism and the “Washington consensus”
- IPE theoretical approaches
- Orthodox vs. alternative approaches to development
- New approaches to development since the 1990s

International Organizations and the United Nations

- Typology of international organizations
- International organizations and IR theories
- Evolution of UN role in peace and international security
- UN crisis and reform in the post-Cold War era
- Main organs of the UN

Human Rights

- Different generations/types of human rights
- Historical origins of human rights and international human rights
- Non-governmental politics of human rights
- IR theory and human rights

Part II

In this part of the exam, you will be asked to choose ONE of the topics below and write an essay on it. However, one of the three topics below will be eliminated by a random procedure at the beginning of the exam. This means that you should think about responses to two of the three essay topics in preparing for the exam, even though you will only have to write an essay on one topic.

Your essay should make an argument in response to the question. It should have the usual structure of an essay (introduction, main part, conclusion), but it does not require any citations. You should spend about 1 hour and 15 minutes on this part of the exam (and plan the length of your essay accordingly). You may NOT bring any notes or other technical memorization aids to the exam.

1. With a perception of rising tensions between Western and emerging powers, is it justified to speak of a new Cold War? (Be sure to consider security, economic, and international governance aspects of this question.)
2. Realism is better suited to understanding “high politics” issues of international security and inter-state diplomacy, whereas constructivism and feminism are better at making sense of “low politics” issues such as development and human rights. Discuss.
3. To what extent have economic globalization and the growth of international organizations undermined state sovereignty as a central feature of modern international order?