

Guidelines for Comprehensive Exams in International Relations
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The International Relations comprehensive exam consists of two parts. All students sit for the first part, which is based on the core reading list provided below. Students majoring in IR also sit for the second part of the exam (minors take only the first part). In the second part of the exam, majors select three topic areas on which to be examined from the list below. Students should inform the subfield examiners of their specialized topics *at the beginning of the semester before they take their exams*. That is, if a student is taking the exam in May, subfield examiners should be notified of the specialized topic areas in January.

The reading list for the specialized topics consists of the syllabus for the most recently completed graduate seminar on that topic taught in the Department (i.e. if a student takes an exam in January when a course is being offered, s/he need not focus on that syllabus, but rather the previous one). Our list of topics is therefore constrained by the advanced courses that have been taught in recent years. As of Spring 2006 this list is as follows:

- Bargaining
- Conflict Management
- Cultural Forces in World Politics
- Domestic Sources of Foreign Policy
- International Political Economy
- Scientific Study of International Conflict

The reading list below constitutes the core for all students. Readings have been chosen to include, where possible, works that provide comprehensive or especially helpful reviews of the literature, especially classic works, as these classic works have not always been assigned on their own. As in studying for any comprehensive exam, students should make an effort to develop an understanding of the chronology of development of the literature. While the list below represents a core, the best answers are likely to include reference to classics that go beyond what is apparent from secondary treatments of them as well as reference to the most important recent works on the topic that may have been published in the past year and therefore not reflected in the reading list or syllabi. Students may also find it helpful, in developing a feel for the development over time of the literature to consult reference edited works such as Finifter's *State of the Discipline* or *Annual Reviews*, or other similar handbooks, encyclopedias, and sources of critical literature reviews. Finally, students should understand that many of the readings below are of importance across sections of the IR literature, and better answers will thus make use of readings from throughout the reading list.

International Relations Core Reading List

IR Theory:

- 1) Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, and David Lalman. 1992. *War and Reason*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- 2) Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce, Alastair Smith, Randolph Siverson and James Morrow. 2003. *The Logic of Political Survival*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- 3) Keohane, Robert, and Joseph Nye. 1989. *Power and Interdependence, 2nd Edition*. Glenville, IL: Scott, Foresman and Company.
- 4) Morgenthau, Hans J. various years. *Politics Among Nations*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf.
- 5) Organski, A. F. K., and Jacek Kugler. 1980. *The War Ledger*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- 6) Vasquez, John A. 1983. *The Power of Power Politics*. Rutgers, NJ: Rutgers University Press.
- 7) Waltz, Kenneth N. 1959. *Man, the State, and War*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- 8) Waltz, Kenneth N. 1979. *Theory of International Politics*. New York: Random House.

IR Methods:

- 1) Achen, Christopher, and Duncan Snidal. 1989. "Rational Deterrence Theory and Comparative Case Studies." *World Politics* 41:143-169.
- 2) Beck, Nathaniel, Gary King, and Langche Zeng. 2000. "Improving Quantitative Studies of International Conflict." *American Political Science Review* 94(1):23-35.
- 3) Bennett, D. Scott, and Allan Stam. 2000. "Research Design and Estimator Choices in the Analysis of Interstate Dyads." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 44(5):653-685.
- 4) Signorino, Curtis. 1999. "Strategic Interaction and the Statistical Analysis of International Conflict." *American Political Science Review* 93(2):279-297.
- 5) Singer, J. David. 1968. "The Incomplete Theorist: Insight Without Evidence." In K. Knorr and J. Rosenau, eds. *Contending Approaches to International Politics*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

International Political Economy:

- 1) Frieden, Jeffrey. 1991. "Invested Interests: The Politics of National Economic Policies in a World of Global Finance." *International Organization* 45(4):425-451.
- 2) Gilpin, Robert. 2001. *Global Political Economy*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

- 3) Keohane, Robert. 1984. *After Hegemony*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- 4) Krasner, Stephen. 1976. "State Power and the Structure of International Trade." *World Politics* 28(3):317-347.
- 5) Rogowski, Ronald. 1987. "Political Cleavages and Changing Exposure to Trade." *American Political Science Review* 81(4):1121-1134.

Foreign Policy Decision Making:

- 1) Allison, Graham. 1971. *Essence of Decision: Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis*. Boston: Little, Brown and Company.
- 2) Halperin, Morton. 1974. *Bureaucratic Politics and Foreign Policy*. Washington, D. C.: Brookings Institution Press.
- 3) Hunt, Michael. 1987. *Ideology and U. S. Foreign Policy*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- 4) Levy, Jack. 1992. "Prospect Theory and International Relations." *Political Psychology* 13:283-310.
- 5) Wittkopf, Eugene. 1990. *Faces of Internationalism: Public Opinion and American Foreign Policy*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

International Conflict:

- 1) Morrow, James. 1991. "Alliances and Asymmetry." *American Journal of Political Science* 35:904-933.
- 2) Oneal, John, and Bruce Russett. 1999. "The Kantian Peace." *World Politics* 52(1):1-37.
- 3) Reiter, Dan, and Allan Stam. 2002. *Democracies at War*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- 4) Slantchev, Branislav. 2003. "The Power to Hurt." *American Political Science Review* 97:123-133.
- 5) Werner, Suzanne. 1999. "The Precarious Nature of Peace." *American Journal of Political Science* 43:912-934.

Deterrence and Arms Control:

Fearon, James. 1994. "Signaling versus the Balance of Power and Interests." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 38:236-269.

George, Alexander, and Robert Smoke. 1974. *Deterrence in American Foreign Policy*. New York: Columbia University Press.

Huth, Paul, and Bruce Russett. 1984. "What Makes Deterrence Work?" *World Politics* 36:496-526.

Powell, Robert. 1990. *Nuclear Deterrence Theory*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Schelling, Thomas. 1966. *Arms and Influence*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

Negotiation and Conflict Resolution:

1) Fearon, James. 1994. "Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of Disputes." *American Political Science Review* 88:577-592.

2) Fearon, James. 1995. "Rationalist Explanations for War." *International Organization* 49:379-415.

3) Putnam, Robert. 1988. "Diplomacy and Domestic Politics." *International Organization* 42:427-460.

4) Schelling, Thomas. 1960. *The Strategy of Conflict*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

5) Walter, Barbara. 1997. "The Critical Barrier to Civil War Settlement." *International Organization* 51:335-364.

Regimes and Institutions:

1) Axelrod, Robert. 1984. *The Evolution of Cooperation*. New York: Basic Books.

2) Barnett, Michael, and Martha Finnemore. 1999. "The Politics, Power, and Pathologies of International Organizations." *International Organization* 53:699-732.

3) Koremenos, Barbara, Charles Lipson, and Duncan Snidal, eds. 2004. *Rational Design: Explaining the Form of International Institutions*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

4) Martin, Lisa, and Beth Simmons, eds. 2001. *International Institutions*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

5) Mearsheimer, John. 1994/1995. "The False Promise of International Institutions." *International Security* 20(1):39-93. Also read the responses in the same issue.

Cultural Forces:

1) Caprioli, Mary and Mark Boyer. 2001. "Gender, Violence, and International Crisis." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 45(4):503-518.

2) Chiozza, Giacomo 2002. "Is There a Clash of Civilizations? Evidence from Patterns of International Crisis Involvement 1946-97." *Journal of Peace Research* 39(6):711-734.

- 3) Dudziak, Mary. 2000. *Cold War Civil Rights*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- 4) Furedi, Frank. 1998. *The Silent War, Imperialism and the Changing Perception of Race*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.
- 5) Henderson, Errol. 1998. "The Democratic Peace through the Lens of Culture, 1820-1989." *International Studies Quarterly* 42(3):461-484.
- 6) Huntington, Samuel. 1996. *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*. New York: Simon and Schuster.
- 7) Johnston, Alastair Iain, 1995. "Thinking About Strategic Culture." *International Security* 19(4): 32-64.