UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL STUDIES
TERM : FALL AND WINTER 2014-2015

COURSE #: POLS 2040 **SECTION:** A01 **CRN:** 10588-20518 **CREDIT HOURS:** 6
COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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FORMAT: Lecture and class discussion
CLASS LOCATION: TBD
TIME OF CLASS: T,Th, 13h00-14:15
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 – 11:00 Th
Or by appointment

Content and Description: The study of International Relations (IR) represents a relatively young academic discipline established after the First World War (WWI) with the desire to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war". (UN Charter) The dynamism of international relations has necessitated ongoing discussions and debates about the major issues that cross borders and influence the lives of people throughout the globe. In this way, IR is both a theoretical and policy-oriented discipline.

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to IR (ie. relations between states) and IR theory. The fall term is dedicated to exploring the origins of the discipline and the variables of analysis common to the theories including: actors, conflict, values and tools/processes. The winter term explores the main IR theories. Contemporary international events and films serve as the lens by which these theories are explored.

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING:

(1) Written Analysis (Fall):	25%
(2) Midterm (Fall):	25%
(3) Film Analysis (Winter):	25%
(4) Final exam (Winter):	25%

GRADING SCALE:

A+	= 90+	C+	= 65-69
A	= 80-89	C	= 60-64
B+	= 75-79	D	= 50-59
B	= 70-74	F	= 49-0

REQUIRED TEXT (for WINTER TERM only)

Daniel Drezner's *Theories of International Politics and Zombies* (Princeton University Press, 2011). It is available from the book store or on-line from any book store (approx. $16).