International Relations: Research Paper Guidelines
Dr. Kohn, Spring 2017

Students will write a 7-10 page research paper on one of the following topics:

- Select a current transnational crisis (such as human rights, sex trafficking, refugees, environmental concerns, poverty, terrorism, nuclear proliferation etc.) and:
  - Provide historical background and contemporary context of the crisis
  - Analyze the issue utilizing three international relations theories
  - Offer your own conclusion as to which theory offers the best solution to the crisis

- Using an NGO of your choice, discuss to what extent the international organization is achieving or not achieving its stated mission and goals.

- How has the rise of feminist theory challenged the ways in which theorists and practitioners of international relations see the world? What are the tensions within the field of feminist theory? Provide concrete examples of how this debate plays out in different parts of the world.

- A meeting is coming up between President Trump and the leader of a nation that you choose. Write a memo explaining the history of relations between the two countries and your recommendations for the meeting’s priorities and how to proceed with the other leader, through acknowledging both the relevant theories & personalities involved. Examples include China, Pakistan, Egypt, Ukraine, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Poland, etc.

- Can terrorism succeed? Assess the relationship between the strategy of a given terrorist group and the outcome of its activities

- Compare the successes (or failures) of the EU to other regional associations in the world through at least two specific examples

Requirements:
* 7-10 pages; typed, double spaced, Chicago Manual of Style with footnotes and bibliography
* A minimum of 8 sources, including books, journal articles, valid websites, and news sources

Process and Due Dates:
Friday, 2/24: Introduction to Research Papers, and Ms. Kane’s Presentation

Tuesday, 3/14: Historical Question + Annotated Bibliography of at Least 5 Sources: **20 Points**

Tuesday, 4/18: Thesis Statement & Outline: **30 Points**

Monday, 5/15 Research Papers, Oral Defense dates T/F of this week: **50 Points**
  - For Juniors w/ oral defense, breakdown is **40/10** points for paper/oral presentation