This is a listing of important books in various areas of the field of international relations. A capable graduate student be well versed with these books. The list is exhaustive though not definitive and will be updated biennially.

A few words on textbooks and scholarly works. A textbook is a compilation of generally acknowledged facts and concepts compiled in essays used to explain various political science topics. While they may occasionally be used in selected graduate courses, they are generally geared to introductory courses. Consequently, they are inappropriate for use in graduate level comprehensive examinations. Such examinations are designed to ascertain your knowledge of the original work found in scholarly books.

**Theories**


**Global Political Economy**


**World Organizations and World Order**


Thomas Weiss and Leon Gordenker. *NGOs, the UN and Global Governance*, Lynne Rienner, 1996.

**Globalization**


**Hegemony**


**Race and International Relations**


**International Development**


**International Security**


**American Foreign Policy**
