

POLI 2057
Introduction to International Politics
Spring 2016
MWF 9:30-10:20 104 Audubon

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OBJECTIVE: Poli Sci 2057 is a general education requirement course for social science undergraduates. The course is designed to provide students with an introductory insight into the process, the progress and the problems in the conduct of the world politics. In particular, we will discuss the flow of change and continuity as well as the twists of conflict and cooperation in World Affairs. By the end of the semester, it is expected that students should have been educated in the knowledge of global interaction to the extent that they can explain and analyze events and trends in the contemporary world.

The University strives toward Learning Competency and the fulfillment of the following objectives:

- Ability to think, describe, interpret and analyze the world
- Facility to make sense of the world that impact on our own local system
- The need to gain critical perspectives of the governments and institutions across various political systems

TEXTBOOKS: Scott, Carter and Drury: *International Relations*
Boston: Cengage Learning, 2016

In addition, New York Times readings will be assigned.

EXAMS & PAPERS: As part of the general education requirement, (all sections of 2057) will do standard multiple choice questions during the midterm and final. There will be other multiple choice questions assigned from the NYT. A major essay question will also be administered to all 2057 sections. Much of the content of the midterm and final exam (essays and definitions) come from the lectures. You will select an on-going topic in the news and examine key issues and themes generated from it in your research paper topic.

GRADES/ASSIGNMENT DATES: Will be determined according to the following formula:

Class Participation	10 pts
Early Take-Home	10 pts (Due Fri. Feb. 05)
In-Class Midterm	20 pts (Mon. March 07)
Multiple Choice Tests (2)	10 pts (March 04; April 27)
Research Paper	10 pts (Due Mon. April 18)
Final	<u>40 pts</u> (Wed. May 04; 3:00-5:00pm)
	100 pts

A+ 100 - 95	B+ 86.9 - 85	C+ 76.9 - 75	D+ 66.9 - 65
A 94.9 - 90	B 84.9 - 80	C 74.9 - 70	D 64.9 - 60
A- 89.9 - 87	B- 79.9 - 77	C- 69.9 - 67	D- 59.9 - 57

LECTURE OUTLINE

Jan. 13-15	Course Intro: Relevance and Complexity Readings: Chapter 1
Jan. 20-22	Background to the Study of World Politics Readings: Chapter 2
Jan. 25-27	The Theories of International Relations Readings: Chapters 3 & 4
Jan. 29 - Feb. 05	The Actors of World Politics The Role of Domestic Context Readings: Chapters 1 & 2
Feb. 05	Take-Home Exam Due
Feb. 12-15	The National Interest
Feb. 17-24	Conflict in World Politics: The Conduct of War Readings: Chapters 5 & 6
Feb. 26 - Mar. 02	Cooperation in World Politics: The Conduct of Diplomacy Readings: Chapter 7
Mar. 04	NYT Multiple Choice
Mar. 07	Mid-Term (essays & definitions)
Mar. 09-30	Relations among Industrialized Countries: The U.S. and EU, Japan and Canada Readings: Chapters 8 & 9
April 01-15	Relations between Industrialized and Developing Countries: The Changing Tides or Status Quo? Readings: Chapters 10 & 11

April 18-25	Relations with Communist and Former Communist States Transculturalism Global Problems Readings: Chapters 12 & 13
April 18	Research Paper Due
April 25-29	The Future Readings: Chapter 14 NYT Multiple Choice Test / Review Session/ Course Evaluation
May 04	Final Exam (3:00-5:00pm)