

**University of Georgia**  
**INTL 1100: Introduction to Global Issues**  
**Fall 2016, T TR 9:30 A.M. -10:45 P.M.**  
**MLC 267**

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### **Course Description and Objectives**

The goal of this class is to introduce students to causes, effects and solutions to contemporary and historical international issues. This course will introduce theories and tools for analysis that enable a deeper and critical understanding of global events, problems and issues. By the end of this course, students will be able to analyze these global issues using the frameworks presented in class and be prepared for advanced study in the department of International Affairs.

### **Course Materials**

*Lamy et al. Introduction to Global Politics (Third Edition). Oxford University Press.*

Students are also required to be aware of current events in order to be able to participate in class discussion and to apply concepts learned in class. Some suggested news sites include The New York Times, CNN, BBC, and Al Jazeera.

### **Evaluation**

#### Participation (15%)

In order to get the most out of this class, you must attend regularly and participate often. Participation entails thoughtfully asking questions, answering questions, providing feedback to classmates' questions, etc. A student's participation is assessed by the quantity and quality of comments, questions and answers. Just attending the class does not yield any participation points. At the start of every class we will discuss a contemporary international issue. Students are encouraged to participate in these discussions.

### Movie report (20%)

Each student is required to write **two** movie reports based on the films we watched in class. The report should discuss how the movie relates to a class topic and class discussion. These reports must be typed, double spaced, stapled, and 3 pages long and are always due Tuesday of the following week in **hard-copy** form. No late submissions will be accepted.

### Group Presentation (15%)

A group of 3 students will be responsible for choosing a current (or recent) event and discuss how it relates to the topics discussed in class. Students are encouraged to prepare a PowerPoint presentation and discuss their topic with the instructor beforehand.

### Exams (50%)

Midterm exam (20%)

Final exam (30%)

Please note that make-up exams will only be given for university approved absences. You must contact me in advance if you know you will miss an exam.

\*Do not ask for extra credit. I will not offer any.

### **Grading**

Students will be graded on all coursework according to the following scale:

A 93 and above

A- 90-92

B+ 88-89

B 83-87

B- 80-82

C+ 78-79

C 73-77

C- 70-72

D 60-69

F 59 and below

### **Absences**

Class attendance is mandatory and I will take attendance every day. Students are **permitted 2 unexcused absences** for the duration of the class. Any other unexcused absences will take **2 points off your final grade**.

I also grant excused absences for university sanctioned events (sports/conference), a documented medical excuse (you must have some sort note from a doctor or the health center), or proof of the death of a deceased direct relative. You must email me the documentation within one week of the absence.

### **Class etiquette**

Cell phones, MP3 players, and other noise-making devices must be silenced and put away during class. Frequent disruptions may result in a reduction of your final grade.

Laptops are allowed for note taking only, and not surfing the web. I reserve the right to ban laptops from the classroom if this rule is violated.

### **Academic honesty**

All University of Georgia students must abide by the UGA academic honesty policy, “A Culture of Honesty”, which can be accessed at [www.uga.edu/honesty](http://www.uga.edu/honesty) . All academic works must meet the standards contained in the “A Culture of Honesty”. Please don’t cheat. If caught, cheating will very likely lead to failing the course and severe penalty by the University.

### **Disability and Health Related Issues**

Students that require a disability accommodation should first register with the University Disability Resource Center. After that they should make an appointment and speak with me as soon as possible.

**Class Schedule** (This schedule is for planning only and is subject to change)

***Week 1- Introduction***

Thursday, Aug. 11- *Syllabus*

***Week 2- Introduction to Global Politics***

Tuesday, Aug. 16- *Lamy: Chapter 1*

Thursday, Aug. 18- *Lamy: Chapter 1*

***Week 3- The Evolution of Global Politics***

Tuesday, Aug. 23- *Lamy: Chapter 2*

Thursday, Aug. 25- Krauthammer, Charles. 1990. "The Unipolar Moment." *Foreign Affairs* 70 (1): 23–33. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/20044692>

***Week 4- Theories of Global Politics***

Tuesday, Aug. 30- *Lamy: Chapter 3*

Thursday, Sept. 1- *Lamy: Chapter 4*

***Week 5- "Doctor Strangelove" movie***

Tuesday, Sept. 6- "Doctor Strangelove" movie

Thursday, Sept. 8- *Class discussion*

***Week 6- Making Foreign Policy***

Tuesday, Sept. 13- *Lamy: Chapter 5*

*Movie Report 1 due*

Thursday, Sept. 15- Mearsheimer, J. & Walt S., 2006. The Israel Lobby. *London Review of Books* vol. 28 no. 6 pp. 3-12. <http://www.lrb.co.uk/v28/n06/john-mearsheimer/the-israel-lobby>

***Week 7-Global and Regional Governance & Nongovernmental Actors***

Tuesday, Sept. 20- Lamy: Chapter 6

Thursday, Sept. 22- Lamy: Chapter 7

***Week 8-Midterm Exam***

Tuesday, Sept. 27- Midterm exam review

Thursday, Sept. 29- Midterm exam

***Week 9- Global Security and Military Power& Terrorism***

Tuesday, Oct. 4- Lamy: Chapter 8

Thursday, Oct. 6- Lamy: Chapter 9

***Week 10- “Battle for Algiers” movie***

Tuesday, Oct. 11- “Battle for Algiers” movie

Thursday, Oct. 13- Class Discussion

***Week 11- Human Rights and Human Security***

Tuesday, Oct. 18- Lamy: Chapter 10

Movie Report 2 due

Thursday, Oct. 20- Lamy: Chapter 10

***Week 12- Global Economics and Trade***

Tuesday, Oct. 25- Lamy: Chapter 11

Thursday, Oct. 27- Lamy: Chapter 12

***Week 13- Poverty, Development, and Hunger & Environmental Issues***

Tuesday, Nov. 1- Lamy: Chapter 13

Thursday, Nov. 3- Lamy: Chapter 14

***Week 14- “Hotel Rwanda” movie***

Tuesday, Nov. 8- *“Hotel Rwanda” movie*

Thursday, Nov. 10- *Class Discussion*

***Week 15- Student Presentations***

Tuesday, Nov. 15

*Movie Report 3 due*

Thursday, Nov. 17

***Week 16-Thanksgiving Break***

NO CLASSES

***Week 17- Wrap up and Review***

Tuesday, Nov. 29- *Review for Final Exam*

Thursday, Dec. 1- *Review for Final Exam*

**FINAL EXAM: Thursday, Dec.8 8-11 am**