

INTL 1100: Introduction to Global Issues
The University of Georgia
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Course Description

This course is designed to introduce students with basic knowledge of global issues and prepares you for to the pursuit of a study in international affairs. It will introduce the fundamental concepts, theories and problems of global issues to equip students with theoretical frameworks of analysis to understand international events and issues. By the end of this course, students should gain knowledge and skills to critically analyze global issues and be prepared for advanced study in international affairs.

Required Textbook

There is one required textbook for this course:

Goldstein, J & Pevehouse, J. (2012) *International Relations, 10th Edition*. (the latest version of this book is 11th edition, but you don't have to use it. FOR YOUR MONEY).

Additional reading materials will be available online.

I highly recommend that students read the international news section of major newspapers and magazines every day.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADES

10% Attendance & Participation
20% Quizzes
20% Two Analyses of Current Events
35% Exams (15% Midterm Exam+20% Final Exam)
15% Case Study Presentation

Grade Scale

All coursework will be graded using the following scale:

>93%: A
90-92.99%: A-
87-89.99%: B+
83-86.99%: B

80-82.99%: B-
77-79.99%: C+
73-76.99%: C
70-72.99%: C-
60-69.99%: D
<60%: F

Grading

Attendance and Participation (10%): Attendance is mandatory and will be taken at every class. However, you are given 3 absences without excuse for the whole semester. Exceeding 4 absences, you must provide acceptable proof for your absence. Otherwise, 5 point will be taken off of your final grade for each exceeded but unexcused absence. 9 times of absence without excuses will lead to the automatic fail in this class (Course Withdrawal: please familiarize yourself with its terms as stated in the undergraduate bulletin). Acceptable proofs for absences include health problems, family emergencies, conference or important school activities etc with the appropriate documentation (you need to provide a documented excuse in writing on the following class meeting day). Your participation grade will be affected by the quantity and quality of engaging discussions, interacting with the instructor and classmates in lectures and group activities.

Analyses of Current Events (20%): Each student will turn in Two 3 pages (double space, Times New Roman, 12pt font, 1 inch margins) analysis of current global issues. This assignment will require you to use all of the analytical tools that you will learn over the course of the semester. **More information will be provided in class.** Due date will be listed in the following.

Quizzes (20%): There will be reading quizzes every week, except for weeks that you have paper analysis due, to check for comprehension of the text and current events. Quiz format will be given later. **Makeup quizzes will not be given.**

Exams (35%): There will be two exams. One will be a midterm (10%) and the final (25%) will be on the scheduled exam day. Exam format will be given later. **Makeup exams will only be given in the case of university approved absences.**

Group Presentation (15%): Everybody is required to do a presentation in cooperation with your peers. You can choose any global issues topic to work on. (Talk with the instructor if you are not confident with whether it is related to global issues.) Your presentation may include a contentious issue, identification of key actors, some possible causes of the problem, and policy recommendations to resolve the issue. You are encouraged to use an appropriate international relations theory to support your view. Presentation workshop will be offered later.

**Extra credits will be offered in various manners: games, reflections, student-led lectures, etc.

Code of Conduct on Electronic Devices

Use of cell phones, MP3s, and any other hand-held devices while class is in session are not allowed. Laptops are only permitted for note taking. If you plan on using a laptop for note taking, you will have to pledge to the instructor that you will only use the laptop for taking notes and not to surf the web or engage in other activities - surfing the web in class is not permitted. Your final grade will be lowered for the violation of this code.

Disabilities & Health Related Issues

Any student with a disability or a health related issue who needs special class accommodation should make an appointment to speak with me as soon as possible.

Academic Honesty

All students are responsible to inform themselves about the University's academic honesty policy. This policy known as "A Culture of Honesty" is accessible at http://www.uga.edu/honesty/ahpd/culture_honesty.htm. All academic works must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty."

Class Schedule

Week 1 Aug 12

Welcome and Introduction

Week 2 Aug 15-19

Geography, history and theoretical approaches to global politics

Readings: Chapter 1, G & P

Stephen Walt, "International Relations: One World, Many Theories," *Foreign Policy* (Spring 1998), 29-45. Available here

<http://faculty.maxwell.syr.edu/hpschmitz/PSC124/PSC124Readings/WaltOneWorldManyTheories.pdf>

Week 3 Aug 22-26

Realism and more

Reading: Chapter 2, G & P

Week 4 Aug 29 – Sep 2

Liberalism and other social theories

Reading: Chapter 3, G & P

Recommended additional reading: Alexander Wendt, "Anarchy Is What States Make of It"

Available here: <https://ic.ucsc.edu/~rlipsch/Pol272/Wendt.Anarch.pdf>

Week 5 Sep 5 – Sep 9

International Conflicts

Reading: Chapter 5, G & P

No Class on Sep 5th

<<<<*First Analysis Paper Due, Sep 9th*>>>>

Week 6 Sep 12 - 16

The Utility of Force and Terrorism

Reading: Chapter 6, G & P

Recommended additional readings:

Bruce Hoffman, "What Is Terrorism?" will be available on elc

Robert A. Pape, "The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism" Available here

<http://www.columbia.edu/itc/journalism/stille/Politics%20Fall%202007/readings%20weeks%206-7/Strategic%20Logic%20of%20Suicide%20Missions.pdf>

Week 7 Sep 19 – 23

International Political Economy and Trade

Reading: Chapter 8-9, G & P

Week 8 Sep 26 – Sep 30

Culture, Identity and Integration

Readings:

Chapter 10, G & P

Huntington, Samuel "Clash of Civilizations?" available here:

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/united-states/1993-06-01/clash-civilizations>

Week 9 Oct 3 – 7

International Organization, Law, and Human Rights

Readings:

Chapter 7, G & P

Week 10 Oct 10 – 14

Mid Term Review, Exam & Movie

<<<<*Midterm Exam, Oct 12th*>>>>

Week 11 Oct 17 – 21

Technology

Readings:

Herbert Lin, "Cyber Conflict and National Security". Available here

https://cyber.law.harvard.edu/cybersecurity/sites/cybersecurity/images/Lin-Cyber_Conflict_and_National_Security_2012.pdf

Marc Lynch, "After Egypt: Online Challenges to the Authoritarian Arab State". Will be available on elc

Clay Shirky (2011) “The Political Power of Social Media.” Available here
<http://www.cc.gatech.edu/~beki/cs4001/Shirky.pdf>

Week 12 Oct 24 – 28

Environment, Population and Food

Readings:

Chapter 11, G & P

No Class Oct 28th, Fall Break

<<<<Second Analysis Paper Due, Oct 24th>>>>

Week 13 Oct 31 – Nov 4

Global South and North, Immigration/Migration

Readings:

Chapter 12, G & P

Week 14 Nov 7 – 11

International Development and Semester Wrap-up

Readings:

Chapter 13, G & P

Friedberg, Aaron. “The Future of U.S.-China Relations: Is Conflict Inevitable?” Available here:

<http://www3.nccu.edu.tw/~lorenzo/Friedberg%20US%20China%20Relations.pdf>

Zheng Bijian, “China’s ‘Peaceful Rise’ to Great-Power Status.” Available here:

http://home.sogang.ac.kr/sites/jaechun/courses/Lists/b7/Attachments/22/China's%20peaceful%20Rise%20to%20Great%20power%20status_Zheng%20Bijian.pdf

Park, YC. 1990. “Development Lessons from Asia: The Role of Government in South Korea and Taiwan.” Will be available on elc

Week 15 Nov 14 -18

Final Presentations

Week 16 Nov 21 – 25

No Class – Thanksgiving Break

Week 17 Nov 28 – Dec 2

Final Presentations Continued **TBA**

Final Exam Review **TBA**

Week 18 Dec 5th

Last day of class, reserved for Q & A

Final Exam – Wed., Dec. 7

8:00 - 11:00 am

<<<This is only a tentative schedule for this course. Content may change>>>