

INTL 1100: Introduction to Global Issues

MWF MLC 251 9:05-9:55

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Course Description

This course is designed to equip you with the basic tools to understand current and past events of global importance. This course will introduce the main theoretical frameworks and tools of analysis in international relations and comparative politics to provide a critical understanding of international events and issues. The focus in this course is on breadth of knowledge, not depth, but it will prepare you for Introduction to International Relations and Introduction to Comparative Politics. We will relate course material to current events to illustrate concepts.

Required Textbook

There is one required textbook for this course:

Lamy, Steven L.; Masker, John S.; Baylis, John; Smith, Steve; and Owens, Patricia, *Introduction to Global Politics 4th Edition*. Oxford University Press, 2017.

You are required to **read** all assigned material. Class will be made up mostly of discussion with very little lecture on the reading material itself beyond definitions and key concepts.

In addition, it is highly recommended that students read the international news section of major newspapers every day. *The New York Times* is available free to all students through the UGA Reads program and many papers, such as *The Washington Post*, have inexpensive year-long web subscriptions available. *The Washington Post* actually has a reduced cost academic subscription with an .edu email account.

Assignments

Participation (10%): All students are expected to participate and contribute to the discussions. Participation will be based on both the quantity and quality of comments. A very quiet student that asks a few very thought provoking questions and contributes good analytical comments per class may receive full credit. It is best to be fully participating each class session.

Analyses of Current Events (50%): Each student will turn in five three-page (minimum) analyses of a current global issue. This assignment will require you to use all of the analytical tools that you will learn over the course of the semester. Check the weekly calendar for the due dates of these analyses. You will need to turn in electronic copies of your analyses to me through ELC by the start of the class listed as the due date.

Quizzes (10%): There will be reading quizzes throughout the semester to check for comprehension of the text and current events. Makeup quizzes will not be given.

Exams (30%): There will be two exams. One will be a midterm and the final will be on the scheduled exam day. **Please note:** makeup exams will only be given in the case of university approved absences.

Grading

All coursework will be graded using the following scale:

A 93 and above

A- 90-92.999999

B+ 88-89.999999

B 83-87.9999999

B- 80-82.999999

C+ 78-79.999999

C 73-77.9999999

C- 70-72.9999999

D 60-69.99999

F 59 and below

Attendance

Participation makes up 10% of the final grade. If you are absent, you are not participating. You are expected to attend all class sessions, however, you do have up to 3 unexcused absences. In addition, absences due to university sanctioned events, health emergencies with the proper documentation, and other ***pre-approved*** extenuating circumstances may be excused. When in doubt, ask me if it would be an excused absence. I do not need constant email contact of why you failed to get up in time for class or the end of the semester-struggle-is-real. Repeated contact of that sort could result in fiery wrath being wrought upon you and your classmates, like Fezzik as the Dread Pirate Roberts threatened the castle guards with. That being said, I am flexible in making arrangements for documented chronic health issues.

Use of Electronics

Use of cell phones, MP3 players, or any other sort of hand-held device is not permitted during class. Laptops may only be used for taking notes, however, the quality of notes and retention of knowledge is much greater if you hand write your own notes. If the number of laptops and distractions is great enough, I reserve the right to not share lecture material or study guides before exams.

Disabilities and Health Issues

Any student with any sort of disability or health issue should make an appointment to speak with me as soon as possible so that we can fill out the proper Disability Resource Center paperwork. This includes accommodations such as extra test time or a note-taker.

Contact

My office hours are the open time that I have available for you to come and speak with me about any topics of concern you might have. I can be reached by email to answer simple questions, but face to face contact is always better.

Academic Honesty

All students are expected to follow the university guidelines found in “A Culture of Honesty.” You can review that policy here http://www.uga.edu/honesty/ahpd/culture_honesty.htm. All classwork must meet the standards listed in the policy.

Grade Appeals

If a student feels that an assignment has been graded incorrectly, he or she will have 48 hours from the time the assignment is handed back to submit a handwritten explanation for why the grade is not correct. Appeals will result in the entire assignment being regraded. Please note that the grade could stay the same, be raised, or be lowered. All grades following an appeal are final.

Due Dates

The due dates listed, for both readings and assignments, are the day that the assignment needs to be completed. Late work will not be accepted, unless there is a university approved excused absence.

Class Schedule

Section 1 – The Global System

Week 1 Jan 5

This syllabus

Week 2 Jan 8-12

Chapter 1 – Introduction to Global Politic

Week 3 Jan 15-19

No Class Jan 15

Chapter 2 – Evolution of Global Politics

First Analysis due by Friday.

Week 4 Jan 22-26

Chapter 3 – Realism

Week 5 Jan 29 – Feb 2

Chapter 3 – Liberalism

Week 6 Feb 5-9

Chapter 3 – Critical Theories

Second Analysis due by Friday.

Section 2 – Global Actors

Week 7 Feb 12-16

Chapter 4 – Making Foreign Policy

Week 8 Feb 19-23

Chapter 5 – Global and Regional Governance

Midterm Exam on Feb 23.

Section 3 – Global Issues

Week 9 Feb 26 – Mar 2

Chapter 6 – Global Security

Week 10 Mar 5-9

Chapter 6 – Military Power and Terrorism

Third analysis due by Friday Mar 9

Spring Break from March 12-16.

Week 11 Mar 19-23

Withdrawal Deadline March 19th

Chapter 7 – Human Rights and Human Security

Week 12 Mar 26 - 30

Chapter 8 – Global Trade and Finance

Fourth analysis due on Friday Mar 30.

Week 13 Apr 2 - 6

Chapter 9 – Poverty and Development

Week 14 Apr 9 - 13

Chapter 10 – Environmental Issues

Week 15 Apr 16 – 20

Putting it all together and class choice for more detail.

Final analysis due on Friday Apr 20.

Week 16 Apr 23 - 25

Student led exam review.

Final Exam – Monday April 30, 8:00 a.m. Be there or be square!