

## **INTL 1100 (25999)**

### **Introduction to Global Issues**

UGA Chapel / MWF 10:20 -11:10

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

This course introduces you to contemporary issues in global politics. It is designed for those who have no prior knowledge of international affairs. We will examine some of the most pressing, political, environmental, and economic problems currently facing the global community. The idea is to introduce the issues and discuss different points of view on them so that students can develop and articulate informed views on possible solutions to the world's most pressing problems.

**LEARNING GOALS** ~ Upon completion of this course, you should be (better) able to:

- Identify key global issues and the main actors on the global stage
- Recognize connections between local and global issues
- Discuss major problems facing the world today, including issues related to the environment, nationalism, human rights, security, and economic development
- Compare and contrast key processes of the international system as well as explain how different actors approach global issues differently
- Develop and strengthen analytical and critical thinking skills

We will often discuss contentious political issues and I expect all students to treat each other – and their ideas – with respect, even as we might disagree with each other. You should discredit ideas and arguments, not people. Interruptions, slurs, or making fun of students or their views will not be tolerated. Responses should be respectful, utilize facts, and include complimentary language as well.

### **COURSE STRUCTURE, REQUIREMENTS, AND ASSESSMENT**

**READINGS** ~ We will use one **required** textbook for the course:

*Introduction to Global Politics* by John S. Masker, Patricia Owens, Steven L. Lamy, John Baylis and Steve Smith (5th edition)

- Please Note: You are welcome to use the e-book or an earlier edition of the book if it is easier/more economical for you.
- Additional readings (as posted in the schedule or eLC)
- You are also required to follow international news daily by either using the Internet or by subscribing to a major national daily. Current events questions will be part of quizzes and/or exams.

*COURSE FORMAT AND CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19* ~ This semester, there are several priorities I am attempting to balance. First and foremost is the safety of our community. The second priority of mine is to maintain the academic rigor of our course while also prioritizing compassion and patience. And third is to provide a format for this course that is flexible enough to adapt to each student's individual situations as well as the ever-changing, global pandemic. In order to balance all of these concerns, this class will operate in a hybrid form between face-to-face instruction and remote learning. This will require changes from the traditional instruction format. Please read the following information carefully:

- **In-person attendance is neither required nor necessary.** All the activities and learning material to complete this course successfully will be fully available online through UGA's eLearning Commons (ELC) portal. Some of you may wish to take this course completely online, while others may wish to attend in person as often as possible. Either way is fine. You will not be punished in any way for exclusively participating in this class online. To ensure as much flexibility and autonomy as possible, each class will be available in all three formats: in-person (not encouraged), synchronously on Zoom and asynchronously after the class.
- During this time of social distancing, the Office of the Vice President of Instruction created new maximum capacities for each classroom on campus to ensure the opportunity for all students to keep at least six feet apart while in the classroom. The socially distanced class capacity of the Chapel is 86, which means you are eligible to attend any Wednesday or Friday class in-person if you so desire.
- During add/drop period, classes will be held online only to facilitate transfers and to test technology and procedures that will be important for the rest of the semester.
- **Prohibition on Recording Lectures.** In the absence of written authorization from the UGA Disability Resource Center, students may not make a visual or audio recording of any aspect of this course. Students who have a recording accommodation agree in writing that they:
  - Will use the records only for personal academic use during the specific course.
  - Understand that faculty members have copyright interest in their class lectures and that they agree not to infringe on this right in any way.
  - Understand that the faculty member and students in the class have privacy rights and agree not to violate those rights by using recordings for any reason other than their own personal study.
  - Will not release, digitally upload, broadcast, transcribe, or otherwise share all or any part of the recordings. They also agree that they will not profit financially and

will not allow others to benefit personally or financially from lecture recordings or other course materials.

- Will erase/delete all recordings at the end of the semester.
  - Understand that violation of these terms may subject them to discipline under the Student Code of Conduct or subject them to liability under copyright laws.
- **Mondays** will be “content focused” days for asynchronous learning, where you are expected to watch the bulk of the lecture videos for the module and complete the required readings.
  - **Monday Office Hours:** In addition to full-class meetings throughout the week, students and I will meet via Zoom on Mondays as well if a student has a more individualized question to ask me one-on-one. Fifteen-minute appointment times can be reserved on <https://calendly.com/gulcansaglam/office-hours> by scrolling to the date and time on the calendar provided and adding your name and the question or topic you would like to discuss in an appointment slot. If you believe your topic requires more than 15 minutes to discuss, please feel free to reserve multiple slots. If these times do not work for you, please email me (gsaglam@uga.edu) and I would be happy to schedule another time.
  - **Wednesdays and Friday**, we will have in-person/synchronous class meeting addressing the module discussion question and current global events. **Wednesday** sessions will usually be devoted to addressing the module discussion question. **Fridays** will usually be devoted to current global events.
    - Remember, you **MUST** watch the lecture videos and complete your required readings **BEFORE** the class on Wednesday if you plan to attend the class discussion in-person or synchronously over the Zoom.
    - If you choose to attend class in-person, you are **REQUIRED** to have a Zoom-capable device with you to participate, as well as headphones that you can use with that device. As our class will be split, we will have to ensure that all members of the class can communicate with one another. Your Zoom-capable device will enable you to participate in class and hear your classmates that are unable to be in the room that day.
    - If you attend class in-person, you are **REQUIRED** to wear a face covering. The University of Georgia requires all faculty, staff, students, and visitors to wear an appropriate face covering over the nose and mouth while indoors and maintain social distancing (at least six feet). Anyone not using a face covering when required will be asked to wear one or must leave the area. Reasonable accommodations may be made for those who are unable to wear a face covering for documented health reasons.
    - If you choose to attend via Zoom, you are **REQUIRED** to be **visibly present (no screen saver)**. The purpose of your participation in the zoom meeting is to be **actively engaged** in the discussion.
  - This set up ensures that all students, no matter their health status, have the ability to take part in the kinds of active, engaged discussion with peers that are essential to learning in this course. Moreover, these sessions, in addition to office hours, allow students who are

unable to attend face-to-face discussions the opportunity to directly engage and get to know me and their colleagues. (Indeed, participating via Zoom may be an easier way to build personal connections as there is no need to be masked or distanced.)

**ONLINE COURSE OUTLINE** ~ The course consists of 15 modules (including the Welcome Module). Each module opens on Sunday (12:01 am) and closes the following Saturday (11:59 pm). **All module quizzes and assignments are due before the module closes at 11:59 pm**, unless otherwise noted. Each module includes:

- **Lectures:** Short lecture videos explaining the key concepts of the week,
- **Readings:** The required readings for the course include journal articles, book chapters, and newspaper clippings, videos, podcasts, documentaries designed to help you gain the necessary background information about the module topic. Lectures and class discussion are intended to supplement, not duplicate, the readings.
- **An open-note module quiz:** At the end of each module, there will be an open-note, short multiple-choice quiz for you to complete. These quizzes are intended to ensure that you are actively engaging with the online material.
- **A module discussion question:** Each module will have a discussion question that all students need to answer (approximately 300 words).
  - This discussion question will also form the centerpiece of our in-class/virtual discussion on Wednesdays. You can choose to participate in the discussion of this question in-person, synchronously via Zoom during our set class time, or asynchronously (meaning on your own time).
  - **In order to earn credit for answering the discussion question, you must submit one original post and one response to a classmate for each discussion question before the end of the module.** This will give everyone the opportunity to engage with colleagues and consider alternative perspectives.

**COURSE ASSESSMENT** ~ We are still in the middle of a global pandemic and all of us need some compassion. That’s why **I will drop the lowest module quiz, discussion, and Simulation memo grade**, which allows you to miss **one** weekly assignment (module quiz, discussion, or simulation memo) without any penalty. You can use this as you like (e.g., illness, sports travel, interviews, sleep, conferences). Please get in touch with me immediately if there are extenuating circumstances that may lead you to miss more than one module assignment.

Student performance will be evaluated based on the following:

Assignment	Description	% of Final Grade	Due date
Module Quiz		40%	Saturday. at 11:59 pm (EST) each week
Module Discussion		40%	Saturday. at 11:59 pm (EST) each week

<b>Political Engagement Activity</b>	<i>Proposal</i>	5%	Feb 20 <sup>th</sup> 11:59 pm (EST) due to Dropbox
	<i>Final Report</i>	15%	May 1 <sup>st</sup> 11:59 pm (EST) due to Dropbox

**Module Quizzes (40% of the final grade):** An important aspect of any course is for students to be able to assess how well they fully understand the material being presented. To better allow all students the opportunity to engage with the material thoroughly (even as they may not be present in the in-person classroom) I have created quizzes on eLC that encourage students to answer questions about the material presented in the Module and begin practicing using this material to answer both hypothetical and real-world problems. Quizzes will draw on all materials from that module such as lecture videos, assigned readings/podcasts, and any additional materials assigned for the module's discussion question.

- All quizzes are open-books and open-notes quizzes. These quizzes will be automatically graded to provide immediate feedback for the student.
- Module quizzes will allow two attempts for the same quiz, to present students with the opportunity to learn from and improve on their comprehension of the material. After the final quiz attempt is submitted, only the highest attempt score will be counted toward that student's quiz score. Be aware that quizzes in which no attempt was made will not be accepted past the deadlines (mentioned in the schedule below), so **please be sure to work well ahead of these deadlines.**
- All quizzes are due before 11:59 pm on the day scheduled (see below).
- Late submissions will not be accepted. Thus, it is strongly advised to work ahead of the deadlines.

**Module Discussion (40% of the final grade):** Each module will have a discussion question to which you need to write a written response (around 300 words). As the directions above note, your response is to be grounded in the assigned materials and will engage the ideas of other students in the class. In order to earn credit for answering the discussion question you must upload your response to the appropriate discussion board before the end of the module. To ensure that everyone has had the opportunity to engage with colleagues and consider alternative perspectives, students should also respond to a previous student's post in addition to answering the question. You can respond as often as you like, of course...you are not limited to one. The idea is to get a conversation going.

- You **MUST** type your assignment directly into the dialogue box provided for the appropriate discussion board, not upload it as a word or google doc. The assignment may require you to refer to class readings, the lecture video, any required audio or video, and/or some outside sources.
- You will need to properly cite any sources you use other than my lecture videos. You may use any citation format you are familiar with as long as you cite your resources properly and correctly.
- The grading rubric for module discussions is available under Contents → Welcome Module → Discussion Boards → Discussion Board Rubric

**Political Engagement Report (20% of the final grade):** 20% of your final grade is based on a political engagement report of around 1000 -1500 words. The purpose of this assignment is for

students to take part in global politics as an informed global citizen. You have voice and power in all the issues that we are discussing this semester. You need to start engaging with real-world problems to bring about the change you want to see in global politics. Late submissions of assignments, however, will not be accepted or reviewed. Thus, it is strongly advised to work ahead of each deadline. The course materials, quizzes, class meetings (both in-person and online), and a rubric will all help students to better understand the format for the political engagement report and practice the skills necessary to master this form of writing.

Throughout the semester, we will work on identifying problems and possible solutions in global politics. To that end, each student will identify and research a pressing problem in global politics about which they feel strongly. You will identify a global issue that concerns you, and “take action” on the issue in the political community. The scope of that political community is linked to your specific concern. For example, political communities can be conceptualized at the local level when students choose an issue that requires communication with local government officials or non-governmental organizations. The political community moves to a different level when students select broader concerns such as environmental or foreign policy issues, which often requires contact with state, national, and global-level state and non-state actors. ***The political engagement must take place in the Spring 2021 semester.***

To encourage growth and provide the support and feedback you need, I have broken this assignment into two manageable chunks:

- ***Political Engagement Proposal:*** 5% of the final grade: You will submit a short proposal for the issue you’d like to take on. The proposal is due on ***February 20<sup>th</sup> 11:59 pm*** (EST) in the Assignments folder.
  - A more detailed rubric for the [Political Engagement Activity](#) and the [proposal](#) is available under the contents tab.
  
- ***Political Engagement Report:*** 15% of the final grade - Submit maximum 1500 words of double-spaced text summarizing which political issue you chose, why you chose it, which political action you took to address that issue, and how it was related to the material we learned in class, what did you specifically do, and what you learned. The final report is due on ***April 17<sup>th</sup> 11:59 pm*** (EST) in the Assignments folder.
  - For more details, check [Political Engagement Instructions and Grading Rubric](#) and [Political Engagement Grading Rubric](#)

**GRADING SCALE** ~ Please note that if you have specific grade requirements (for your major, for your scholarship, etc.), you need to make sure you work towards them from the beginning of the semester. Any efforts to get me to change your grade at the end of an assignment or the semester based on your sudden realization that you need a better grade than you actually earned will NOT be accommodated. I am more than happy to work with you throughout the semester. It is, therefore, in your best interest to talk to me early on. If you encounter any problems, you need to let me know so that I can help you as much as possible. I will not be able to help you after deadlines have passed, and the semester is over.

A	93 – 100 points		C	73 – 76 points
A-	90 – 92 points		C-	70 – 72 points
B+	87 – 89 points		D+	67 – 69 points
B	83 – 86 points		D	63 – 66 points
B-	80 – 82 points		D-	60 – 62 points
C+	77 – 79 points		F	59 and below

## COURSE POLICIES

**Communication and Email:** I will keep you updated about the course and any changes to the syllabus through the “ANNOUNCEMENTS” board on the class ELC page.

- \* To register for “Announcement Notifications” click on your name in the upper right-hand corner of the class eLC page > Notifications > Scroll down to “Instant Notifications > check the boxes for “Announcements”
- \* You can choose to have notifications sent to you by email or text message – students in the past have suggested that email is better as the content is incomplete in a text message.

I can respond quickly and effectively to your emails if you clearly identify some important information in your emails. Here is what helps:

- \* Before you email me, please check the syllabus, welcome module, and the announcements page of the ELC site to be sure that your question has not been previously addressed. ELC problems are no excuse for having missed quizzes or announcements!
- \* Please use appropriate salutations including my name in the opening and your name in the closing (Hint: you can’t go wrong with “Hi Professor Saglam” or “Hi Dr. Saglam”). For further guidance see <http://www.wikihow.com/Email-a-Professor>
- \* Please use your UGA email account and include your course number in the subject line. (e.g. I am in your MWF INTL XXXX class. OR I am in your MWF 9 o’clock XXXX class.)
- \* Sign your name as you are enrolled in the course – sometimes UGA email header does not include your name.
- \* During the workweek, I generally respond to emails in a timely manner (usually within 24 hours). On weekends, I do not check emails regularly. Please do not expect a response before the beginning of the workweek.

**The Use of Technology:** It is important that you have reliable internet service, particularly as some of the assignments are time sensitive. You will also need access to a computer that allows you to engage with audiovisual content, such as YouTube videos. If you experience technical issues, you can contact the EITS Help Desk at: [helpdesk@uga.edu](mailto:helpdesk@uga.edu). Please talk to me immediately if you are expecting to have computer or reliable internet problems this semester.

Finally, you’re responsible for being aware of times when ELC is down for maintenance and for ensuring that all your work is submitted by the times noted (in Eastern Standard Time – which is important for you to note if traveling to a different time zone). As a best practice, please submit your work well before the deadlines as technical problems do happen. In the case of a rare technical problem, please notify me about the technical issue within 15 minutes of a deadline.

**Late Assignments:** The weekly assignments in the course are designed to build a base understanding of key concepts. It is essential that you finish working on earlier modules to comprehend the later ones. As a result, it is especially important to (1) be aware of the deadlines for each assignment and (2) work well ahead of the deadlines. All assignments will automatically lock on eLC after the time at which they are due. No late submission will be accepted unless you talk to me about an extension because you need to finish these assignments on time to do well in this class.

Late written assignments will be penalized 5% of your overall grade for each day late. This means that an accepted assignment submitted anytime within the first 24 hours after the deadline that might have earned a 95 (an A) would instead receive a 90 (an A-) and so forth. Since I will have to read your papers and submit grades in time, **late submission of the Political Engagement Activity Final Report will not be accepted or reviewed.**

Having said that, I know that we are in the middle of a frigging pandemic and legitimate emergencies will arise during the term. If that happens to be the case, please let me know as early as possible so that we can work out alternative arrangement for you to complete your work within a reasonable period of time. I am fully committed to making sure that you learn everything you were hoping to learn from this class. I will be flexible and lenient. If you tell me you're having trouble, I will not judge you or think less of you. I hope you'll extend me the grace.

**Formatting:** All written assignments should meet the following formatting requirements: Times New Roman, 12-point font, double spaced, 1" margins, and page number in the bottom right-hand corner.

**Contested Grades:** Students wishing to contest a grade must wait 24 hours after their assignment/exam has been returned to make an appointment to see me. During that appointment, students should come prepared with (1) a typed explanation of what the best possible response to the prompt would look like, (2) a typed explanation of how their work compares to that best answer, and (3) their class and reading notes. All requests for such meetings must be made within one week of the date the assignment/exam was returned. I shall re-evaluate your work and assign a "new" grade. Note, however, that this process may result in the same grade, a higher grade, or indeed a lower grade for that assignment. You are allowed this one appeal for each graded assignment; the re-grade will then stand.

**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:** UGA is committed to providing equal access to academic programs and university-administered activities and reasonable modifications to students with disabilities. Students in need of academic accommodations need to request such services from the Disability Resource Center located at 114 Clark Howell Hall (for more information visit [www.drc.uga.edu](http://www.drc.uga.edu)) and should make an appointment to see me with their appropriate paperwork from the DRC within the first two weeks of classes.

**Netiquette and Policy on Disruptive Behavior:** I will take your viewpoints seriously and want all of us to learn from one another over the course of the semester. In order to make this a successful class, it is important that we create an environment where everyone has an opportunity to learn. To facilitate this goal, I expect students to treat each other with respect, listen to conflicting opinions,



and seek to discredit arguments rather than people. (Please, refer to the university policy on disruptive behavior and note that I reserve the right to remove students from class for disruptive and/or disrespectful behavior towards me or other students.)

**Policy on academic dishonesty:** I take academic honesty VERY seriously. In the interests of fairness and academic integrity, university policies will be strictly enforced. As a University of Georgia student, you have agreed to abide by the University's academic honesty policy, "A Culture of Honesty," and the Student Honor Code. All academic work must meet the standards described in "A Culture of Honesty" found at: <http://www.uga.edu/honesty>. Lack of knowledge of the academic honesty policy is not a reasonable explanation for a violation. Any student caught cheating or plagiarizing will be referred to Judicial Affairs, as required by university policy. Make sure that you understand how to avoid charges of academic dishonesty.

**UGA COVID Information for Students:** Please perform a quick symptom check each weekday on DawgCheck—on the UGA app or website—whether you feel sick or not. It will help health providers monitor the health situation on campus: <https://dawgcheck.uga.edu/>.

- Students showing symptoms should self-isolate and schedule an appointment with the University Health Center by calling 706-542-1162 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.). Please DO NOT walk-in. For emergencies and after-hours care, see <https://www.uhs.uga.edu/info/emergencies>.
- Students who learn they have been directly exposed to COVID-19 but are not showing symptoms should self-quarantine for 14 days consistent with Department of Public Health (DPH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. Please correspond with your instructor via email, with a cc: to Student Care & Outreach at [sco@uga.edu](mailto:sco@uga.edu), to coordinate continuing your coursework while self-quarantined. If you develop symptoms, you should contact the University Health Center to make an appointment to be tested. You should continue to monitor your symptoms daily on DawgCheck.
- Students who are demonstrating symptoms of COVID-19 should call the University Health Center. UHC is offering testing by appointment for students; appointments may be booked by calling 706-542-1162.
- Any student with a positive COVID-19 test is required to report the test in DawgCheck and should self-isolate immediately. Students should not attend classes in-person until the isolation period is completed. Once you report the positive test through DawgCheck, UGA Student Care and Outreach will follow up with you.

### **Mental Health and Wellness Resources**

UGA has a vast array of resources to support students facing a variety of challenges. Please don't hesitate to come to speak with me or contact these resources directly:

- If you or someone you know needs assistance, you are encouraged to contact Student Care and Outreach in the Division of Student Affairs at 706-542-7774 or visit <https://sco.uga.edu>. They will help you navigate any difficult circumstances you may be facing by connecting you with the appropriate resources or services.
  - If you need help managing stress anxiety, relationships, etc., please visit BeWellUGA (<https://www.uhs.uga.edu/bewelluga/bewelluga>) for a list of FREE

workshops, classes, mentoring, and health coaching led by licensed clinicians and health educators in the University Health Center.

- Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) - 706-542-2273 (during regular business hours)
- After Hour Mental Health Crisis: 706-542-2200 (UGA Police—ask to speak to the CAPS on-call clinician)
- Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention – 706-542-SAFE (Please note, faculty and staff are obligated to report any knowledge of sexual assault/relationship violence to UGA’s Equal Opportunity Office. The advocates at RSVP can provide student confidentially).

**This syllabus provides a general plan for the course, and deviations may be necessary.**

### ***COURSE SCHEDULE***

<b>Welcome Module: <i>Course Introduction</i></b> <b><i>(Jan 13 – Jan 16)</i></b>
<u>Lectures:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Course Introduction Video</li><li>● What are global issues and who are the global actors?</li></ul>
<u>Readings:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Syllabus</li><li>● Textbook Chapter 1 (p. 2-14)(p. 22-29)</li></ul>

What is due Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 11:59 pm (EST):

- Syllabus Quiz
- Welcome Module Assignment: Post your introduction to “Getting to Know You” Discussion Board

Everyone should introduce themselves by replying to this discussion board with the information below (and anything else you think might be relevant for us to get to know you).

Your introduction should include:

- The name you prefer to be called (especially if different than the name on my roster)
- Preferred pronouns
- Where you’re from (however you choose to identify that)
- Your year and major(s) at UGA
- What types of IA experiences have you had (i.e. study abroad, internships, CURO research, etc.)?
- Why you are taking this course and what you hope to get out of it?
- Fun facts or hobbies?
- If you could have dinner with one politically relevant person in history (dead or alive) who would it be, why, and what would you get to eat?

Students may upload a video introduction in place of a written one and earn 1-point extra credit toward their final grade as long as they include the required information.

## **SECTION I: PRINCIPLES AND DYNAMICS OF GLOBAL POLITICS**

### **Module 1: The Evolution of Global Politics** **(Jan 17 – Jan 23)**

*Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – Instructional break (No classes)*

Lectures:

- What shaped the contemporary international system?
  - Peace of Westphalia
  - Different conceptualizations of sovereignty  
<https://world101.cfr.org/how-world-works-and-sometimes-doesnt/building-blocks/what-sovereignty>
  - Challenges to sovereignty  
<https://world101.cfr.org/how-world-works-and-sometimes-doesnt/building-blocks/tanks-sanctions-and-separatists-various>
  - Sovereignty in a Global Era  
<https://world101.cfr.org/how-world-works-and-sometimes-doesnt/building-blocks/reimagining-sovereignty-global-era>

Readings:

- Textbook Chapter 2 The Evolution of Global Politics
- “ISIS Transforming into Functioning State that Uses Terror as a Tool” NYT  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/22/world/middleeast/isis-transforming-into-functioning-state-that-uses-terror-as-tool.html>

What is due Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 11:59 pm (EST):

- Module 1 Quiz
- Module 1 Assignment: In this discussion post, you should argue whether the Islamic State was a state based on the information in the course videos and readings. Why or why not? Be sure to cite your sources.

Make sure you are approaching the ISIS reading critically. Do you accept their position at face value? Did this entity really satisfy the criteria to be a state? You might need to check outside sources to make sure you are not missing vital information to assess these cases.

## **Module 2: Power and Hierarchy in Global Politics** **(Jan 24 – Jan 30)**

Lectures:

- Anarchy and Collective Action
- Power and Hierarchy
- “The Social Contract” Khan Academy
- Listen to Scene on Radio Podcast, Season 2 (Seeing White) Episode 2: How Race Was Made <https://www.sceneonradio.org/episode-32-how-race-was-made-seeing-white-part-2/>

Reading:

- Textbook Chapter 4 Making Foreign Policy
- Stuart Hall. *The West and the Rest* (eLC)

What is due Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 11:59 pm (EST):

- Module 2 Quiz
- Module 2 Assignment: Draw global politics or international relations. Don't worry about your artistic ability but think carefully about who and what is emphasized in your drawing, the issues you see as central, the nature of the international system, and how these actors solve collective action problem. What does your drawing say about your worldview? Compare your drawing with (at least) one other classmate's and discuss whether your understanding of how the international system works similar or different.

## **Module 3: The “Nation” State** **(Jan 31 – Feb 6)**

Lectures

- Nations and Nationalism
- National Identity is made up <https://youtu.be/F9qF6FvwrHI>
- How Self Determination Shaped the World <https://world101.cfr.org/how-world-works-and-sometimes-doesnt/building-blocks/how-self-determination-shaped-modern-world>
- The Rise of Ultra-nationalism
  - Far right in Brazil <https://open.spotify.com/episode/3FsLG0F4sej4PHOr5G2MS7?si=HL4so69jRf-GTVXZLmkerA>

- Golden Dawn and Far right Politics in Greece  
[https://open.spotify.com/episode/4SiLy8HpqQGz1uMmcCfc0p?si=g\\_bjIsnRT2Wd\\_2KhCWTeWg](https://open.spotify.com/episode/4SiLy8HpqQGz1uMmcCfc0p?si=g_bjIsnRT2Wd_2KhCWTeWg)

Reading:

- Nationalism in Snarr&Snarr (eLC)
- Cas Mudde. “What is Causing the Rise of Today’s Global Far Right?” The Globe  
<https://theglobepost.com/2019/12/04/far-right-today/>
- Jill Lepore, “[A New Americanism: Why a Nation Needs a National Story](#),” Foreign Affairs, March/April 2019.

What is due Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 11:59 pm (EST):

- Module 3 Quiz
- Module 3 Assignment: Find an example of an ultra-nationalist movement in a country or region other than Brazil or Greece.
  - What are the most important defining features of their “nation”? (i.e. is the religion, race, ethnicity etc.)
  - Explain how your example is similar or different from the two cases in this module.
  - Make sure to cite your outside resources and refer to module readings and lectures when necessary.
  - Compare your group to a classmate's. Discuss the similarities and differences in their main ideology, organization, resources, strategies, etc.

**Module 4: Nation State, Citizenship, and Migration: Who Belongs?  
(Feb 7 – Feb 13)**

Lectures:

- How are nationality, citizenship, and immigration connected?
- How do we use others to shape our own identities?
- Refugees vs Asylum seekers vs Migrants
- Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery

Reading:

- 1951 Convention and its 1967 Protocol (eLC)
- Modern Day Slavery  
<https://youtu.be/ielKBf5Jp6E>
- Amnesty International - Key facts about the migrant and refugee caravans making their way to the US  
<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2018/11/key-facts-about-the-migrant-and-refugee-caravans-making-their-way-to-the-usa/>
- What’s Causing the Central American Migration Crisis?  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ybs3Zn086a0&feature=youtu.be>

What is due Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 11:59 pm (EST):

- Module 4 Quiz
- Module 4 Assignment: Evaluate the 2016 deal between the European Union and Turkey on accommodating migrants below. Whom does it benefit? Is it an effective way to address the issue? A just way to address it?  
  
<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/legislative-train/theme-towards-a-new-policy-on-migration/file-eu-turkey-statement-action-plan>

## ***SECTION II: GLOBAL COOPERATION***

### **Module 5: International Organizations: The UN (Feb 14 – Feb 20)**

*Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – Instructional break (No classes)*

#### Lectures:

- Global governance and international organizations
- Purposes and the principles of the UN
- Organization of the UN
- Is the UN effective?

#### Reading:

- Textbook Chapter 5 Global and Regional Governance (p. 164-188)
- Is the UN effective? (eLC)
- Not perfect, but its is effective: UN from the view of its staff (eLC)

#### What is due Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 11:59 pm (EST):

- Political Engagement Activity Proposal is due.
- Module 5 Quiz
- Module 5 Assignment: Write a 300-word proposal for reforming the United Nations. The proposal should answer the following questions:
  1. How should UN Security Council members be chosen? Should there be requirements, such as for regional balance?
  2. Should there be permanent members? If so, which countries should they be?
  3. Should any countries have a veto? If so, which ones?
  4. How many votes should be required to take action?
  5. Should there be other limitations or requirements?

### **Module 6: Regional Organizations and the European Union (Feb 21 – Feb 27)**

#### Lectures:

- The World's Biggest Sovereignty Experiment  
<https://world101.cfr.org/how-world-works-and-sometimes-doesnt/building-blocks/european-union-worlds-biggest-sovereignty>
- Historical Evolution of the EU
- Organization of the EU
- Problems and Prospects for the EU

#### Reading:

- Textbook Chapter 5 Global and Regional Governance (p. 188-193)
- The EU is in Trouble and Ursula von der Leyen is the Wrong Person to Rescue it  
<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/can-europe-make-it/eu-trouble-and-ursula-von-der-leyen-wrong-person-rescue-it/>
- Why the European Union is not doomed to fail (eLC)
- Is populism killing the EU?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJ3SGOnznL4>

What is due: Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 11:59 pm (EST):

- Module 6 Quiz
- Module 6 Assignment: Suppose you happened to be chatting with Ursula von der-Leyen, who is complaining about the rise of populist parties and growing anti-EU sentiment among the public. What advice would you give to address the resentments that many European citizens or governments feel against the EU?

**Module 7: Transnational Actors  
(Feb 28 – March 6)**

Lectures:

- What are transnational Actors?
- MNCs
- INGOs

Reading:

- Textbook Chapter 5 Global and Regional Governance (p. 193-211)
- Who is more powerful? States or Corporations? (eLC)
- The Global Crackdown on Civil Society Organizations (eLC)
- Top 20 Most Powerful NGOs in 2019 (eLC)

What is due March 6<sup>th</sup> 11:59 pm (EST):

- Module 7 Quiz
- Module 7 Assignment: Find an INGO, answer the questions below, and compare it with a classmate's response.
  - Which INGO did you pick? What is their main global concern?
  - What kind of tools or methods are they using to make an impact in global politics?
  - What are the sources/forms of their power?
  - The increasing importance of international organizations and transnational actors, combined with the broader process of globalization, has led some analysts to argue that the Westphalian state system has eroded significantly, and states are no longer the primary actors in global politics. Do you agree with this argument?
    - If yes, in what ways are international organizations and transnational actors are undermining the Westphalian state system?
    - If no, what makes states immune to the influences of non-state actors in global politics?

**March 8 - March 12: Political Engagement Intensive (No new material)**

**March 12<sup>th</sup> – Instructional break (No classes)**

**Module 8: International Law and Human Rights  
(March 14 – March 20)**

Lectures:

- International Law and Human Rights
- Humanitarian Intervention and R2P
- International Crimes and International Courts
- ICC

## Reading

- Textbook Chapter 7 Human Rights and Human Security
- CFR. The Rise and Fall of the R2P  
<https://world101.cfr.org/how-world-works-and-sometimes-doesnt/building-blocks/rise-and-fall-responsibility-protect>
- Sersso. 2013. "The International Criminal Court's Africa Problem"  
<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2013/06/201369851918549.html>
- Aidan Hehir. 2017. Myanmar: The Responsibility to Protect is Working Exactly as it was Supposed To. Duck of Minerva Blog: <http://duckofminerva.com/2017/09/31229.html>

- What is due on March 20th 11:59 pm (EST):
- Module 8 Quiz
- Module 8 Assignment: Watch one of the two the Frontline documentaries below and answer the discussion question. After posting your initial response, look for other discussion posts that are about the documentary you did not pick. Respond to their post and compare and contrast how their case is similar or different from yours.
  - "Ghosts of Rwanda" using your UGA ID and password.  
<https://www.kanopy.com/product/ghosts-rwanda-0>
  - "Myanmar's Killing Fields"  
<https://www.pbs.org/video/myanmars-killing-fields-wwdvdm/>

Answer the following prompts:

1. Identify the 8 stages of genocide and give examples of each stage from the documentary
2. Were the actions of the international community to end the genocide effective?
3. What do these case study say for the effectiveness of the international system to stop genocide (or international crimes in general)?
4. What steps are necessary to prepare the international community to deal with a similar situation in Rwanda/Myanmar?
5. What can you personally do to challenge genocide at each of its 8 stages should you see it developing in your part of the world?

## **SECTION III: GLOBAL CONFLICT**

### **Module 9: International (in)security** **(March 21 – March 27)**

*March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Withdrawal Deadline*

#### Lectures:

- Traditional security concerns
- Human Security
- CFR What is Interstate Conflict?  
<https://world101.cfr.org/how-world-works-and-sometimes-doesnt/conflict/what-interstate-conflict>
- War in Yemen <https://youtu.be/lpPpXM7hSXk>
- CFR Nuclear Proliferation Module  
<https://world101.cfr.org/global-era-issues/nuclear-proliferation>



Reading:

- Textbook Chapter 6 Global Security, Military Power, and Terrorism (p. 214-217) & (p. 214-240)

What is due on March 27<sup>th</sup> 11:59 pm (EST):

- Module 8 Quiz
- Module 8 Assignment: Fill out the CFR Nonproliferation Tools Graphic Organizer and consider the following:
  - Which policy tools have been used most often in nonproliferation efforts?
  - Which policy tools seem most effective in limiting proliferation and why?
  - Can these policies tools get us to a world free of nuclear weapons?

**Module 10: Asymmetric Warfare**  
**(March 28 – Apr 3)**

Lectures:

- Asymmetric Warfare
- Intrastate Conflict  
<https://world101.cfr.org/how-world-works-and-sometimes-doesnt/conflict/understanding-intrastate-conflict>
- The Civilian Consequences of Conflict  
<https://world101.cfr.org/how-world-works-and-sometimes-doesnt/conflict/civilian-consequences-conflict>
- Cyberspace and Cybersecurity  
<https://world101.cfr.org/global-era-issues/cyberspace-and-cybersecurity>
- Terrorism

Reading:

- Textbook Chapter 6 Global Security, Military Power, and Terrorism (p. 240-259)

What is due on Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:59 pm (EST):

- Module 10 Quiz
- Module 10 Assignment: Come up with YOUR definition of terrorism (at the beginning of the lecture video)
  - According to YOUR definition, which, if any, of the activities below should be considered terrorism?
    - Who are the terrorists?
    - What more would you need to know to be more sure of your answer?

Case 1: A government routinely "disappears," tortures, and murders civilians as well as political and military leaders whom it suspects of opposing the regime.

Case 2: Religious militants attack members of the government, including an assassination attempt on the president. The government responds by sending in troops and destroying an urban area where the religious militants are based, killing more than 10,000 people in the process, including many civilians.

Case 3: A paramilitary group seeking independence blows up the military headquarters of the occupying force. The group's warning that there will be a bombing is ignored, and many people, civilian as well as military, are killed.

## **SECTION V: INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY**

### **Module 11: Global Trade and Finance** **(Apr 4 – Apr 10)**

#### Lectures:

- Why Trade?
- Globalization of Trade and Finance
- Protectionism
- Global Trade Governance: WTO  
<https://world101.cfr.org/how-world-works-and-sometimes-doesnt/global-governance/what-world-trade-organization>

#### Reading:

- Textbook Chapter 8 Global Trade and Finance (p. 301-321)

What is due on Apr 10<sup>th</sup> 11:59 pm (EST):

- Module 11 Quiz
- Module 11 Assignment: Watch <https://youtu.be/zEf66tDHZZs> and read <https://thediplomat.com/2020/01/parsing-the-economic-damage-from-the-japan-south-korea-dispute/>  
Discuss domestic and international groups/actors that might be benefiting or hurting from protectionist policies of the South Korea and Japan.

### **Module 12: Global Finance** **(Apr 11 – Apr 17)**

#### Lectures:

- Evolution of the International Financial System
- FDI, FPI, and Financial Global Globalization  
<https://world101.cfr.org/global-era-issues/trade/foreign-investment-101>
- Perils of Financial Globalization
- Global Financial Governance: World Bank and IMF  
<https://world101.cfr.org/how-world-works-and-sometimes-doesnt/global-governance/what-are-world-bank-and-international>

#### Reading:

- Textbook Chapter 8 Global Trade and Finance (p. 321 - 332)
- China's Massive Belt and Road Initiative  
<https://www.cfr.org/background/Chinas-massive-belt-and-road-initiative>

What is due on Apr 17<sup>th</sup> 11:59 pm (EST)

- Module 11 Quiz
- Module 11 Assignment: Watch the videos below and answer the discussion question:
  - PBS Frontline Documentary: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/how-historic-belt-and-road-infrastructure-project-is-building-chinas-global-influence>

- The role of the IMF: <https://youtu.be/TUtSqQDCIVY>

Does foreign direct investment or international credit (IMF and World Bank) help or hurt developing countries? Why? Why not?

### **Module 13: Global Poverty and Sustainable Development (Apr 18 – Apr 24)**

Lectures:

- Defining and Measuring Poverty
- Historical Roots of Poverty
- Development  
<https://world101.cfr.org/global-era-issues/development>

Reading:

- Textbook Chapter 9 Poverty, Development, and Hunger

What is due on Apr 24<sup>th</sup> 11:59 pm (EST)

- Module 13 Quiz
- Module 13 Assignment: Watch the mini film “The Foreign Aid Paradox” <https://wetheeconomy.com/films/the-foreign-aid-paradox/>  
What are some goals of foreign aid? How is foreign aid good for the donor country? How can we successfully aid other countries without destabilizing their markets?

### **Module 14: Environmental Challenges (Apr 25 – May 1)**

Lectures:

- CFR Module on Climate Change  
<https://world101.cfr.org/global-era-issues/climate-change/what-climate-change>
- Sustainable Development Goals
- The Tragedy of the Commons
- COVID-19 and Global Issues  
<https://world101.cfr.org/global-era-issues/covid-19>

Reading:

- Textbook Chapter 10 Environmental Issues
- Rosenthal - Biggest obstacle to global climate deal may be how to pay for it (eLC)
- Broder – As time runs short for global climate treaty, nations may settle for interim steps (eLC)

What is due May 1<sup>st</sup> 11:59 pm (EST):

- Political Engagement Activity Final Report is due.
- Module 14 Quiz
- Module 14 Assignment: Complete the ecological footprint exercise and calculate your ecological footprint <https://www.footprintcalculator.org/>

Discuss: 1. What parts of your life have the biggest impact on climate change? 2. What changes would have the most impact in lowering your carbon footprint? 3. What changes would you be willing to make? Not make?