

Stony Brook University

POL 101 - WORLD POLITICS

Syllabus

Fall 2009

Class Location: SB Union 123
Class Time: TuTh 8:20-9:40 am

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Course Overview:

This class provides an introduction to basic theoretical concepts and major questions in international relations. The course will cover classic theoretical frameworks such as realism and liberalism and discuss the causes of international conflict and cooperation in the light of these theories. Other topics include foreign policy decision making, international trade and protectionism, development, globalization and the role of international organizations.

Required Readings:

International Relations (8th edition) by J.S. Goldstein and J.C. Pevehouse.

Other readings relevant to class discussion may be posted on Blackboard prior to the pertinent lecture. Their contents will be fair game for both quizzes and exams.

You should follow international news at least on a weekly basis:
(e.g. www.nytimes.com, www.cnn.com, <http://news.bbc.co.uk>)

Course Requirements:

Students are expected to attend all lectures and are responsible for the material if they miss class. Assigned readings have to be completed before the class they are posted for below.

To encourage attendance and completion of the required readings, there will be an undisclosed number of **pop quizzes** held at the beginning of class on days of my own choosing. They will cover material from the week immediately previous as well as the assigned readings for that day.

There will be three multiple choice exams: a short exam covering the first part of the semester, a cumulative midterm exam and a cumulative final exam.

All work will be graded on a 0-100 scale:

A	100-94	B+	89-87	C+	79-77	D+	69-67	F	60-0
A-	93-90	B	86-84	C	76-74	D	66-64		
		B-	83-80	C-	73-70	D-	63-60		

Grades will be based on the three exams and the pop quizzes:

Short Exam:	20 %
Midterm Exam:	25 %
Final Exam:	35 %
Pop Quizzes:	20 %

Make-up exams will only be offered under extraordinary circumstances, i.e. a death in the family or medical emergency. Proper documentation is required. Note that simply visiting a doctor is not sufficient. There must be written documentation stating that the student was physically incapable of taking the exam. All make-up exams must be completed within one week (7 days) of the original exam date. This window will only be increased for the most extreme cases. Failure to schedule a make-up exam within the allotted time will result in a grade of zero for the exam.

There is a **24-hour moratorium** on the discussion of grades after an exam is returned. In addition to this waiting period, all concerns regarding grading must be presented in writing.

Depending on the needs of the political science department, **extra credit** opportunities may be offered. Each extra credit opportunity would be worth one additional point of the grade.

Americans with Disabilities Act:

If you have a physical, psychological, medical or learning disability that may impact your course work, please contact Disability Support Services, ECC (Educational Communications Center) Building, room128, (631) 632-6748. They will determine with you what accommodations, if any, are necessary and appropriate. All information and documentation is confidential.

Academic Integrity:

Each student must pursue his or her academic goals honestly and be personally accountable for all submitted work. Representing another person's work as your own is always wrong. Faculty are required to report any suspected instances of academic dishonesty to the Academic Judiciary. Faculty in the Health Sciences Center (School of Health Technology & Management, Nursing, Social Welfare, Dental Medicine) and School of Medicine are required to follow their school-specific procedures. For more comprehensive information on academic integrity, including categories of academic dishonesty, please refer to the academic judiciary website at <http://www.stonybrook.edu/uaa/academicjudiciary/>

Critical Incident Management:

Stony Brook University expects students to respect the rights, privileges, and property of other people. Faculty are required to report to the Office of Judicial Affairs any disruptive behavior that interrupts their ability to teach, compromises the safety of the learning environment, or inhibits students' ability to learn. Faculty in the HSC Schools and the School of Medicine are required to follow their school-specific procedures.

Course Schedule:

Changes to this schedule may become necessary, e.g. to accommodate discussion of recent events and will be announced by the instructor.

Reminder: *The required readings from the textbook have to be completed before the class they are listed for. Required readings are fair game for the pop quizzes.*

Sept. 1: Introduction

Sept. 3: Theory and Policy / Study of IR

Sept. 8: More Basics & Historical Background

Sept. 10: Realism

Required Reading: p. 3-39

Required Reading: p. 43-60

Sept. 15: Strategy and Power

Sept. 17: Alternatives to Power Politics

Required Reading: p. 62-78

Required Reading: p. 83-95

Sept. 22: Alternatives to Power Politics

Sept. 24: Foreign Policy: Decision Making

Required Reading: p. 122-134

Sept. 29: *No Class | Monday Schedule*

Oct. 1: SHORT EXAM

Oct. 6: Foreign Policy: Domestic Politics

Oct. 8: Peace & Conflict:

Required Reading: p. 134-144

Oct. 13: Peace & Conflict: Interstate War

Oct. 15: Peace & Conflict: Civil War

Required Reading: Ch 5

Required Reading: Ch 6

Oct. 20: Violence, Human Rights, IOs

Oct. 22: International Organizations

Required Reading: p. 231-252

Required Reading: p. 252-272

Oct. 27: Catch-up Day/Review

Oct. 29: MIDTERM EXAM

- Nov. 3: Various Required Reading: p. 277-289
- Nov. 5: International Political Economy I: Required Reading: p. 290-311
(Mercantilism, Economics basics: opportunity costs, absolute and comparative advantage)
- Nov 10: International Political Economy II: Required Reading: p. 336-344
(Economic consequences of free trade and autarky, consumer and producer surplus, effects of tariffs)
- Nov. 12: International Political Economy III:
(Distributional effects of trade and protectionism: Heckscher-Ohlin, Stolper-Samuelson, Ricardo-Viner)
- Nov. 17: International Political Economy IV: Required Reading: p. 317-336
(Domestic politics and trade policy, Trade Regimes)
- Nov. 19: International Political Economy V:
(FDI, multinationals, international financial system)
- Nov. 24: International Political Economy VI:
(continued from Nov19, Development)
- Nov. 26: No Class / Thanksgiving Break**
- Dec. 1: International Political Economy VII: Required Reading: Ch 12
(more on Globalization & Development)
- Dec. 3: International Political Economy VIII:
(more on Globalization & Development)
- Dec. 8: Regional Integration/European Union Required Reading: p. 351-368
- Dec. 10: Catch-up Day/Review

*(Latest Revision: As you can see, I did not add anything more,
but rather deleted the following readings: p.368-377, p.383-417)*

Dec. 15: FINAL EXAM (11:15-1:45 PM)

*The final examination will be given in the room where the regular class is held.
It is the student's responsibility to plan a class schedule that avoids exam conflicts and too many exams in the same day.*