

POLI 2057
Introduction to International Politics
Spring 2015
MWF 9:30-10:30 218 Coates

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OBJECTIVE: Poli Sci 2057 is a general education requirement course for social science undergraduates. The course is designed to provide students with an introductory insight into the process, the progress and the problems in the conduct of the world politics. In particular, we will discuss the flow of change and continuity as well as the twists of conflict and cooperation in World Affairs. By the end of the semester, it is expected that students should have been educated in the knowledge of global interaction to the extent that they can explain and analyze events and trends in the contemporary world.

The University strives toward Learning Competency and the fulfillment of the following objectives:

- Ability to think, describe, interpret and analyze the world
- Facility to make sense of the world that impact on our own local system
- The need to gain critical perspectives of the governments and institutions across various political systems

TEXTBOOKS: There is only one textbook required for this course:

Joshua Goldstein: International Relations, Brief
6th edition, Pearson, 2014

In addition, New York Times readings will be assigned.

EXAMS & PAPERS: As part of the general education requirement, (all sections of 2057) will do standard multiple choice questions during the midterm and final. There will be other multiple choice questions assigned from the NYT. A major essay question will also be administered to all 2057 sections. Much of the content of the midterm and final exam (essays and definitions) come from the lectures. You will select an on-going topic in the news and examine key issues and themes generated from it in your research paper topic.

GRADES/ASSIGNMENT DATES: Will be determined according to the following formula:

Class Participation	10 pts
Early Take-Home	10 pts (Due Wed. Feb. 09)
In-Class Midterm	20 pts (Mon. March 02)
Multiple Choice Tests (2)	10 pts (March 02; April 27)

Research Paper
Final

10 pts (Due Mon. April 17)
40 pts (Mon. May 04; 10:00-12:00 noon)
100 pts

A= 100 - 88

B=87.9 - 78

C=77.9 - 68

D=67.9 - 60

F=below 60

LECTURE OUTLINE

Jan. 14-21	Course Intro: Relevance and Complexity Goldstein, Chapter 1, pp 2-10
Jan. 23-28	Background to the Study of World Politics Goldstein, Chapter 1, pp 24-34
Feb. 09	Take-Home Exam Due
Feb. 02-13	The Theories of International Relations Goldstein, Chapters 2 & 3
Feb. 02-13	The Actors of World Politics The Role of Domestic Context Goldstein, Chapter 1, pp 10-18
Feb. 16-20	Conflict in World Politics: The Conduct of War Goldstein, Chapter 4
Feb. 23-27	Cooperation in World Politics: The Conduct of Diplomacy Goldstein, Chapter 6
March 02	Mid-Term (In-Class) and NYT Multiple Choice
Oct. 20; Nov. 3	Relations among Industrialized Countries: The U.S. and EU, Japan and Canada D'Anieri, Chapters 10 & 11
March 23-April 01	Relations between Industrialized and Developing Countries: The Changing Tides Goldstein, Chapter 7

April 13	Discuss Research Topics/Overview
April 17	Research Paper Due
April 17-24	Relations with Communist and Former Communist States Transculturalism Global Problems Goldstein, Chapter 8
April 27	NYT Multiple Choice Test/Review Session/Course Evaluation
Mon. May 04	Final Exam (10:00-12:00 Noon)