

PSCI 2601B
International Relations: Global Politics
Friday 11:35am - 1:25pm
Please confirm location on Carleton Central

Instructor: Daniel Pierre-Antoine
Office: C646 Loeb
Tel.: 520-2600 x1598
Office hours: Friday 9:30-11:00am
Email: dpantoin@connect.carleton.ca
Web: <http://web.ncf.ca/fd699/w09psci2601b/home2601b.html>

Course objectives and description

The primary objective of the course is to introduce international relations as a field of study. It is also to examine international relations in light of the phenomenon known as globalization. There is a theoretical component and a thematic component to the course. After week 1's introductory lecture, we will look at several theories used in the study of international relations. Next, we will consider several themes that are crucial to any understanding of contemporary international relations. At the end of the term, students should have the basic tools required to make better sense of the world in which they live.

Evaluation

The evaluation consists of weekly discussion groups, two exams, and one research essay.

<u>Method</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Due date</u>
Discussion group participation	15%	Weekly
Midterm*	20%	13 February*
Research essay, 10pp.	30%	3 April
Final exam	35%	Formally scheduled by the University (8-27 April)
Total	100%	

* As per early feedback guidelines, the Midterm being held on Feb 13th will be returned to you by Feb 27th.

Discussion groups: Attendance to the weekly one-hour discussion groups is compulsory. Missed discussions must be justified with an appropriate document presented to the teaching assistant. Students are expected to come prepared to discuss the week's topics. It is therefore important to do the readings prior to coming to class. While teaching assistants can answer questions about readings, *this is not the purpose* of discussion groups. Students will be judged on the *quality, collegiality, and quantity* of their interventions.

Exams: Students must write both exams to pass the course. The *midterm exam* will cover the material from weeks 1-4 of the term. This includes both lectures and readings. The *final exam* will take place in

the official exam period, April 8-27th excluding April 11th. It will be cumulative: it will cover the entire term's material. If students cannot write an exam on the scheduled day, they should contact the instructor at the earliest opportunity so that alternate arrangements may be made. Exam format will be specified during the term.

Research essay: Students are required to write one research essay. It must number 10 double-spaced pages, with one-inch margins (excluding cover page, footnotes, endnotes, bibliography, etc.). There must be at least 12 sources. Academic sources like books and journal articles are required for this assignment, but newspapers, official documents, and carefully chosen websites are allowed as well. Wikipedia and similar encyclopaedias are not allowed. A list of topics will be provided on the course website. Late essays will be penalized 5% per calendar day unless justified by a document. No essay will be accepted by fax, by email, or under the instructor's office door. The departmental drop-box cut-off time is 4pm. Any assignments submitted after 4pm will be date-stamped for *the following weekday*. Essays that are 7 days late will receive a grade of zero.

* Email use: Use email sparingly and only for these reasons: (1) to request extensions or deferrals; (2) to request special accommodations (PMC); (3) to notify the instructor that a link on the website is not working; or (4) in cases of extreme importance. It is common for instructors to receive hundreds of emails for no good reason. Almost always, the information is on the syllabus, on the course website, and it has been given out in class. Both the instructor and the teaching assistants hold office hours to discuss course-related matters. Furthermore, the instructor's email and office hours etiquette is strict: any message that is disrespectful, that is bossy, that is threatening, or that expresses urgency in any way will receive no reply. The same attitudes and behaviours during office hours will cause a termination of the meeting.

Readings

Readings are compulsory. There is one textbook for the course: **John Baylis, Steve Smith and Patricia Owens, eds., *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations* 4th edition (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2008)**. The chapters mentioned below are taken from it. It is available at Haven Books, 43 Seneca St. (at Sunnyside).

The subject matter of the course is directly applicable to current events. Students should therefore stay informed by reading one or more of the following Canadian and foreign newspapers as their language proficiency allows: the *Globe and Mail*, *Le Devoir*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Times*, the *Guardian*, *Le Monde*. Note that some non-English language newspapers also have an English edition.

Calendar

Week 1: 9 January – Introduction to the course / Introduction to international relations

Baylis and Smith, Introduction and Ch. 1. (Recommended: Chs. 3-4)

Week 2: 16 January – Theory I: Realism and liberalism

Baylis and Smith, Chs. 5-7.

Week 3: 23 January – Theory II: Marxism

Baylis and Smith, Ch. 10.

Week 4: 30 January – Theory III: Social constructivism and alternative approaches
Baylis and Smith, Chs. 9-10.

Week 5: 6 February – War and global security
Baylis and Smith, Chs. 13 and 21-22.

Week 6: 13 February – *** Midterm exam: covers weeks 1-4. (no discussion today)

Week 7: 20 February – Winter break: no class

Week 8: 27 February: Transnational relations, international cooperation, and international regimes
Baylis and Smith, Chs. 17 and 19.

Week 9: 6 March – International organization
Baylis and Smith, Ch. 18.
United Nations, “The UN in Brief”, <http://www.un.org/Overview/uninbrief/contents.html>,
Introduction and points 1-5.

Week 10: 13 March – International law and human rights
Baylis and Smith, Chs. 16, 29 and 30. (Recommended: Ch. 11.)

Week 11: 20 March – International political economy: trade, finance, and development
Baylis and Smith, Chs. 14 and 26-27.

Week 12: 27 March – Gender and the environment
Baylis and Smith, Chs. 15 and 20.

Week 13: 3 April – Conclusion
Baylis and Smith, Chs. 31-32.

Academic Accommodations

For students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (500 University Centre) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Registered PMC students are required to contact the centre (613-520-6608) every term to ensure that the instructor receives your letter of accommodation. After registering with the PMC, make an appointment to meet with the instructor in order to discuss your needs **at least two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations**. If you require accommodation for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodation to PMC by **November 7, 2008 for December examinations**, and **March 6, 2009 for April examinations**.

For Religious Observance: Students requesting accommodation for religious observances should apply in writing to their instructor for alternate dates and/or means of satisfying academic requirements. Such requests should be made during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist, but no later than two weeks before the compulsory academic event. Accommodation is to be worked out directly and on an individual basis between the student and the instructor(s) involved. Instructors will

make accommodations in a way that avoids academic disadvantage to the student. Instructors and students may contact an Equity Services Advisor for assistance (www.carleton.ca/equity).

For Pregnancy: Pregnant students requiring academic accommodations are encouraged to contact an Equity Advisor in Equity Services to complete a *letter of accommodation*. Then, make an appointment to discuss your needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first academic event in which it is anticipated the accommodation will be required.

Plagiarism: The University Senate defines plagiarism as “presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one’s own.” This can include:

- reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else’s published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one’s own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another’s data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another’s works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
- handing in “substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.

Plagiarism is a serious offence which cannot be resolved directly with the course’s instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They include a mark of zero for the plagiarized work or a final grade of “F” for the course. The Department’s Style Guide is available at:

<http://www.carleton.ca/polisci/undergrad/Essay%20Style%20Guide.html>

Oral Examination: At the discretion of the instructor, students may be required to pass a brief oral examination on research papers and essays.

Submission and Return of Term Work: Papers must be handed directly to the instructor and will not be date-stamped in the departmental office. Late assignments may be submitted to the drop box in the corridor outside B640 Loeb. Assignments will be retrieved every business day at **4 p.m.**, stamped with that day’s date, and then distributed to the instructor. For essays not returned in class please attach a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** if you wish to have your assignment returned by mail. Please note that assignments sent via fax or email will not be accepted. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

Approval of final grades: Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by an instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

Course Requirements: Students must fulfill all course requirements in order to achieve a passing grade. Failure to hand in any assignment will result in a grade of F. Failure to write the final exam will result in a grade of ABS. FND (Failure No Deferred) is assigned when a student’s performance is so poor during the term that they cannot pass the course even with 100% on the final examination. In such cases, instructors may use this notation on the Final Grade Report to indicate that a student has already failed the course due to inadequate term work and should not be permitted access to a deferral of the examination. Deferred final exams are available **ONLY** if the student is in good standing in the course.

Connect Email Accounts: The Department of Political Science only communicates with students via Connect accounts. Important course and University information is also distributed via the Connect email system. It is the student’s responsibility to monitor their Connect account.

Carleton Political Science Society: The Carleton Political Science Society (CPSS) has made its mission to provide a social environment for politically inclined students and faculty. Holding social events, debates, and panel discussions, CPSS aims to involve all political science students in the after-hours academic life at Carleton

University. Our mandate is to arrange social and academic activities in order to instill a sense of belonging within the Department and the larger University community. Members can benefit through numerous opportunities which will complement both academic and social life at Carleton University. To find out more, please email carletonpss@gmail.com, visit our website at poliscisociety.com, or come to our office in Loeb D688.

Official Course Outline: The course outline posted to the Political Science website is the official course outline.