

## PSCI 2601B INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: GLOBAL POLITICS

*Fridays, 14:35 to 16:25. See Carleton Central for location*

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### **Course description**

This course offers an introduction to the study of international and global politics. The course is divided into two parts which provide, respectively, an introduction to different theoretical perspectives and a discussion of specific topics that are central to contemporary global affairs. The theories covered in the first part are used to understand, explain, and if possible anticipate events around the world, adding some perspective to our analyses of current and past events and policies.

Overall, the course aims to achieve three main objectives:

- Introduce students to key issues and debates, such as the causes and duration of conflict and war, the impact of trade on labour and environmental standards, the difficulties of global governance, and other topics linked to the process of globalization;
- help students understand the usefulness of theoretical perspectives in analyzing concrete issues in global politics, as well as the implications of this use for our understanding and for political options that may follow, including the identification of the main state, institutional, and non-state actors;
- ensure that students use critical thinking and analysis to develop their own perspectives of global political issues in the contemporary era.

The course consists of a weekly lecture and a weekly discussion group session. The readings will be discussed in class and in discussion groups, and consequently, preparation is essential and participation is strongly encouraged during the lecture and mandatory for the tutorials.

### **Required course text**

Most of the readings in this course come from the required textbook:

Baylis, John, Steve Smith, and Patricia Owens, eds. 2014. *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations, Sixth Edition*. Toronto: Oxford University Press.

The text is available at the Haven Books just outside of campus (corner of Sunnyside and Seneca), and is also on reserve at the MacOdrum Library, where it is available on a short-term loan (2 hours) basis.

Students are also encouraged to use the Online Resource Centre that accompanies this text. This website includes review questions, case studies, glossary, and other helpful material to complement the chapters. The Resource Centre is available at <http://global.oup.com/uk/orc/politics/intro/baylis6e/>

## **Evaluation**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Discussion group attendance and participation	N/A	10%
Research paper proposal	February 11 <sup>th</sup>	10%
Mid-term	February 26 <sup>th</sup>	25%
Research paper	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	25%
Final Exam	Final exam period (date TBD)	30%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>

Students will be provided with detailed instructions and guidelines for each assignment in class and via cuLearn (login at [www.carleton.ca/culearn](http://www.carleton.ca/culearn)). Students are responsible for getting this information and contacting the instructor for any precisions they feel necessary. Regular updates will be posted on cuLearn, so students are strongly encouraged to check the website on a daily basis, as well as ensuring that their Carleton email inbox works properly.

**Policy on late assignments.** All assignments are due online through cuLearn, before midnight on the night of the due date. No email copy will be accepted. No copy handed in the political science department drop box will be accepted. Exceptions on these criteria must be justified with the instructor ahead of the due date, in which case alternative arrangements will be made if necessary. Late assignments will be penalized by 10% a day, up to a maximum of 5 days (50%). The midnight cut-off always applies to determine the number of days to be counted in the late penalty. Assignments submitted after midnight on the night of the fifth day following the due date will automatically be given a grade of 0.

Extensions/exceptions will not be granted except on medical grounds, with appropriate documentation. These rules are enforced to ensure fairness across the large number of students registered in the course.

**Discussion groups.** Students are strongly encouraged to attend and participate to weekly discussion groups. Half of the points allocated to tutorials will go to attendance, while the other half will be assigned according to the quality of the participation. Note that quantity does not equate to quality: it is not necessary for a student to talk continuously in order to get a high mark for participation. Rather, participation will be evaluated with regard to how the student engages with the arguments put forward by other members of the group, and how her/his interventions are well grounded in both the lectures and readings. More details will be provided during the first session.

Please be aware that there is no alternative to the participation grade, nor will there be possibilities to make up for the grade at the end of the semester: if students choose to not attend or participate in the

discussion groups, they will forfeit this mark. Moreover, students can discuss their performance with their TA during the semester if they want to receive early feedback.

**Research paper proposal and research paper.** The research paper will need to present a critical examination of a key issue in global politics. In order to ensure an adequate planning of the work and the incorporation of early feedback, students will need to submit a two-page proposal before February 11<sup>th</sup>. Detailed instructions on this requirement, as well as for the full paper, will be provided during the first two weeks of the semester.

**Mid-term (in class).** The mid-term will be held in class on February 26<sup>th</sup>, and will consist of short answer and essay questions. Additional information will be given in class.

**Final exam.** The cumulative final exam will be held during the exam period in April. A description of the exam format and content will be provided during the last class.

## Academic Resources

<i>If you need assistance with...</i>	<i>Refer to...</i>	<i>Contact Information</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finding a tutor</li> <li>• One-on-one study skills support</li> <li>• Group study skills workshops</li> <li>• Reserving group study rooms</li> </ul>	Student Academic Success Centre – Learning Support Services	302 Tory Building, 613-520-7850 <a href="http://www2.carleton.ca/sasc/">http://www2.carleton.ca/sasc/</a> No appointments necessary.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic support and advice</li> <li>• Choosing, changing major</li> <li>• Academic planning</li> </ul>	Student Academic Success Centre – Academic Advising	302 Tory Building, 613-520-7850 <a href="http://www2.carleton.ca/sasc/">http://www2.carleton.ca/sasc/</a> No appointments necessary.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A learning disability</li> </ul>	Paul Menton Centre	501 University Centre, 520-6608 <a href="http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/">http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing writing skills</li> </ul>	Writing Tutorial Service	4th Floor MacOdrum Library, 613-520-6632 <a href="http://www2.carleton.ca/sasc/writing-tutorial-service/">http://www2.carleton.ca/sasc/writing-tutorial-service/</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polishing English conversation skills</li> </ul>	International Student Services Office, Conversation Groups	128 University Centre, 613-520-6600 <a href="http://www1.carleton.ca/isso/">http://www1.carleton.ca/isso/</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research assistance</li> </ul>	Research Help Desk, MacOdrum Library	MacOdrum Library, 520-2735 <a href="http://www.library.carleton.ca/">http://www.library.carleton.ca/</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistics/SPSS assistance (by appointment only)</li> </ul>	Data Centre, MacOdrum Library	Statistical Consultant, 520-2600 x 2619 <a href="http://www.library.carleton.ca/contact/service-points/data-centre">http://www.library.carleton.ca/contact/service-points/data-centre</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coping with stress or crisis</li> </ul>	Office of Student Affairs  Health and Counseling Services	613-520-2600, x 2573 <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/studentaffairs">http://www.carleton.ca/studentaffairs</a>  613-520-6674 <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/health">www.carleton.ca/health</a>

## Topics and Schedule

The following list of topics is offered as a tentative schedule only. Flexibility being essential in order to cover the course material at a pace that works for both the students and the instructor, some changes may be made at the discretion of the latter.

*LECTURE #1 (January 8th)*

Topics: Introduction to global politics; What is globalization?

*No discussion group.*

Required reading:

- Introduction
- Chapter 1 (Globalization and global politics)

*LECTURE #2 (January 15<sup>th</sup>)*

Topics: The contemporary context of global politics

*Discussion group #1.*

Required readings:

- Chapter 4 (From the end of the cold war to a new global era?)
- Chapter 5 (Rising powers and the emerging global order)

Optional:

- Chapter 3 (International history 1900-99)

*LECTURE #3 (January 22<sup>nd</sup>)*

Topics: Foundational theories: Realism and Liberalism

*Discussion group #2*

Required readings:

- Chapter 6 (Realism)
- Chapter 7 (Liberalism)

*LECTURE #4 (January 29<sup>th</sup>)*

Topics: Contemporary debates: the “Neos” and social constructivism

*Discussion group #3.*

Required readings:

- Chapter 8 (Contemporary mainstream approaches: neo-realism and neo-liberalism)
- Chapter 10 (Social constructivism)

*LECTURE #5 (February 5<sup>th</sup>)*

Topics: Critical perspectives: Marxism and feminism in international relations

*Discussion group #4.*

Required reading:

- Chapter 9 (Marxist theories of international relations)
- Chapter 17 (Gender in world politics)

Optional:

- Chapter 11 (Poststructuralism)

*LECTURE #6 (February 12<sup>th</sup>)*

Topics: The contested nature of security; the concept of human security

*Discussion group #5.*

Required reading:

- Chapter 15 (International and global security)
- Chapter 29 (Human security)

*February 19<sup>th</sup>*

NO CLASS. READING WEEK.

*LECTURE #7 (February 26<sup>th</sup>)*

**Midterm.**

*No discussion groups.*

*LECTURE #8 (March 4<sup>th</sup>)*

Topic: The changing nature of war; terrorism and new security threats

*Discussion group #6*

Required readings:

- Chapter 14 (The changing character of war)
- Chapter 23 (Terrorism and globalization)

*LECTURE #9 (March 11<sup>th</sup>)*

Topics: Trade and the global economy; poverty and development  
*Discussion group #7.*

Required readings:

- Chapter 27 (Global trade and global finance)
- Chapter 28 (Poverty, development and hunger)

Optional:

- Chapter 16 (International political economy in an age of globalization)

*LECTURE #10 (March 18<sup>th</sup>)*

Topics: Human rights and humanitarian intervention  
*Discussion group #8.*

Required readings:

- Chapter 31 (Humanitarian intervention in world politics)

Optional:

- Chapter 30 (Human rights)

*March 25<sup>th</sup>*

NO CLASS. STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

*LECTURE #11 (April 1<sup>st</sup>)*

Topics: Global governance and institutions; environmental issues  
*Discussion group #9.*

Required readings:

- Chapter 20 (The United Nations)
- Chapter 22 (Environmental issues)

Optional:

- Chapter 18 (International law)
- Chapter 19 (International regimes)

LECTURE #12 (April 8<sup>th</sup>)

Topics: New political actors and communities under globalization; final thoughts

*Discussion group #10.*

Required readings:

- Chapter 21 (Transnational actors and international organizations in global politics)
- Chapter 32 (Globalization and the transformation of political community)

## **Student Conduct, Academic Regulations and Academic Accommodations**

**For students with Disabilities:** The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or [pmc@carleton.ca](mailto:pmc@carleton.ca) for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your **Letter of Accommodation** at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (*if applicable*). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (*if applicable*).

**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](http://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 may include a mark of zero for the plagiarized work or a final grade of "F" for the course.

Student or professor materials created for this course (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the author(s). They are intended for personal use and may not be reproduced or redistributed without prior written consent of the author(s).

**Submission and Return of Term Work:** Papers must be submitted directly to the instructor according to the instructions in the course outline 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. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

**Grading:** Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor, subject to the approval of the faculty Dean. Final standing in courses will be shown by alphabetical grades. The system of grades used, with corresponding grade points is:

Percentage	Letter grade	12-point scale	Percentage	Letter grade	12-point scale
90-100	A+	12	67-69	C+	6
85-89	A	11	63-66	C	5
80-84	A-	10	60-62	C-	4
77-79	B+	9	57-59	D+	3
73-76	B	8	53-56	D	2
70-72	B-	7	50-52	D-	1

**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.

**Carleton E-mail Accounts:** All email communication to students from the Department of Political Science will be via official Carleton university e-mail accounts and/or cuLearn. As important course and University information is distributed this way, it is the student's responsibility to monitor their Carleton and cuLearn accounts.

**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 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, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/politicalsciencesociety/> 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.