

Carleton University
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Department of Political Science

PSCI 2601A

International Relations: Global Politics
2:35 pm – 5:25 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays
Please confirm location on Carleton Central

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Course Description and Objective

This course will introduce students to three basic aspects of global politics: international events (such as the Cold War), salient topics in the discipline (such as humanitarian intervention), and theoretical approaches (such as liberalism). While the first part of the course will emphasize on the historical and theoretical dimension of the discipline, the second half will predominantly focus on select topics in global politics. Even though the course is based on the lecture format, students will be expected to contribute to class discussions and debates. Videos will be shown and group discussions will be conducted to enable students to benefit from classroom dynamics. The course seeks to achieve the following objectives: familiarize students with the basic historical and empirical aspects of global politics; enable them to develop an appreciation of the theoretical approaches in global politics; and enable students not just to be able to describe developments in global politics, but also to be able to analyze them.

Exposure to the various strands in global politics should provide students with the necessary knowledge and confidence to opt for other courses offered by the department on global politics and help deepen their understanding of the discipline.

COURSE TEXT

John Baylis, Steve Smith, and Patricia Owens: *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*, 5th Ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011). Available at the Carleton University Book Store [**Required**]

NOTE: You are strongly advised to obtain your copies of the text book at the earliest. In case you cannot find the book at the book store, please bring this to my notice immediately.

EVALUATION FORMAT

Attendance and Participation: 15%
Reaction Paper: 20% (Due on 9th August)
Group Presentation: 10% (2nd August)
Mid Term Exam: 30% (24th July)

End Term Exam: 25% (To be scheduled between 18th and 23rd August)

Attendance and Participation: You are expected to attend classes regularly and take part in the discussions in class. Since this course will be one of your first forays in global politics, debating and discussing in class will form an important part of your learning process. You will be exempted from the attendance requirement only if you provide valid documentation that clearly states the reason for your absence and the dates for which exemption is being sought. Please note that in case you are unwell and have not attended a class, you need to inform me of your absence and provide me with documentation supporting your case **within 5 days** of the missed class. You cannot contact me regarding exemption from attendance well past the period of your sickness/being indisposed.

Reaction Paper: You are expected to write an **8 page** double-spaced reaction paper with 1 inch (2.54 cm) margin on all sides. The reaction paper should have a separate title page (in addition to the 8 pages) at the beginning that has your name, your student number, the title of the article that you are reacting to, the course and course number, the name of the instructor, and the date of submission. During the initial part of the course, I will provide you with a list of articles/readings that you will have to study and react to. Specifically, you will be expected to do the following:

- (i) Competently summarize what the author is arguing [app. 1 page]
- (ii) Identify the strengths and weaknesses of the argument [app. 3-4 pages]
- (iii) Pick one glaring shortcoming and expand on it, using the theoretical approaches we have looked at in class [3-4 pages]. You can use up to 5 sources to bolster your views.

The graded assignment will be returned to you at the exam site after you have finished writing the final exam.

Submission Criteria: *The assignment has to be handed to me in person in class on August 9th in hard copy format. If you decide to put the assignment in the departmental drop box, inform me via Web CT me that you have done so, and attach a soft copy of the assignment with your mail as proof of submission. Late submissions will be penalized 1/3rd of a letter grade per day (e.g. A to A-).*

Group Presentation: The 2nd of August (Class 10) will be assigned for group presentations. Further details will be made available to students in the initial part of the course.

Mid Term Exam: An in-class mid-term exam will be held on the 24th of July. The exam will be of 2 hour duration and will cover **ALL** the material covered in class till the 19th of July (Classes 2-6). The exams will be returned on the 2nd of August in class. Further information regarding the exam will be provided to you in class.

End Term Exam: The Final Exam will be scheduled by the university any time between the 18th and the 23rd of August. The exam will be of 2 hour duration and will cover material taught in class from 26th July till the 14th of August (Classes 8-13) only. **You will NOT have to study the material covered for the mid-term exams.** Further information regarding the course will be provided to you in class.

Web CT: Grades will be uploaded on to the Web CT. Lecture slides, announcements, and other relevant material for the course will also be put up on Web CT. Students are advised to **regularly check** their Web CT accounts. Students should contact me electronically only through my Web CT account.

Submission and Return of Term Work: Papers must be handed directly to me in class during the tutorials. 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 papers 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.

An assignment that has been submitted 1 day late, without the required documentation, will lose 1/3rd of a grade point (for example, a reduction from A to A-).

NOTE: 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.

CLASS SCHEDULES AND READINGS

Note: Chapters indicated below are from the Text Book

- **3rd July** [Class 1]
Introduction: Overview of course; no assigned readings.
- **5th July** [Class 2]
Realism (Chapter 5) + *Documentary*
- **10th July** [Class 3]
Liberalism (Chapter 6)
- **12th July** [Class 4]
International History 1900-1990, Part I (Chapter 3) & International History 1990-Present, Part II (Chapter 4)
- **17th July** [Class 5]
International History Part II (conclusion) & Humanitarian Intervention (Chapter 31)
- **19th July** [Class 6]
Social Constructivism (Chapter 9) + Class discussion based on article (To be assigned)
- **24th July** [Class7]

****Mid Term Exam****
- **26th July** [Class 8]
Marxism in IR (Chapter 8) + Class discussion based on article (To be assigned)

- **31st July** [Class 9]
International Political Economy (Chapter 15) + Class discussion based on article (To be assigned)

- **2nd August** [Class 10]

****Group Presentations****

- **7th August** [Class 11]
Poverty, Development & Hunger (Chapter 28) + *Documentary*

- **9th August** [Class 12]
Human Security (Chapter 29) & Class discussion based on article (To be assigned)

****Reaction Papers Due Today****

- **14th August** [Class 13]
Terrorism (Chapter 22)

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 request for 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 **(June 8, 2012 for early summer term examinations and July 27, 2012 for late/full summer term)**.

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.

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.

Grading: Assignments and exams will be graded with a percentage grade. To convert this to a letter grade or to the university 12-point system, please refer to the following table.

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

Grades: Final grades are derived from the completion of course assignments. Failure to write the final exam will result in the grade ABS. Deferred final exams are available ONLY if the student is in good standing in the course.

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.

Connect Email Accounts: All email communication to students from the Department of Political Science will be via Connect. 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.