

PSCI 2601A
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: GLOBAL POLITICS

Lecture: Fridays, 1135 to 1325, Tory 360

Discussion Groups: Fridays, 1035 to 1125 *or* 1335 to 1425

Please confirm location on Carleton Central

There is a WebCT site for this course. Please check it on a regular basis.

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Course objectives

- (1) To give students an overview of the history of global politics;
- (2) To introduce students to basic concepts and theories in the field of international relations that will enable them to better understand developments in global politics; and
- (3) To engage students in contemporary debates in international politics.

The course consists of one two-hour lecture per week, plus a one-hour discussion group. Students are responsible for all components of the course. Lectures and readings are complimentary and do not directly overlap. Students are expected to have read the assigned readings prior to each class.

Grading Summary

Paper proposal	5%	(Due Friday, September 26th)
Research paper	30%	(Due Friday, October 24th)
Participation in discussion groups	15%	
Final exam	50%	(To be held during formal exam period, Dec 4-20)

As per early feedback guidelines, the Paper Proposal due September 26th will be returned October 31st.

Paper proposal

A 2-page (12 point font, double-spaced) paper proposal is due to your TA on **Friday, September 26th**. Late proposals will be subject to grade reductions.

Students may choose their own topics, but the topic must be relevant to the course. Students are encouraged to read ahead in the text and reader to get ideas for their paper.

The proposal should clearly state: (1) your topic and why it is important; (2) your research question, i.e. what question you want to answer in your paper; and, (3) your hypothesis, i.e. your thesis statement or what you think the answer is to your research question.

Research Paper

A 10-page (12 point font, double-spaced) research paper (exclusive of endnotes) is due to your TA on **Friday, October 24th**. Papers should follow the following format: (1) importance of the topic; (2) your research question; (3) your hypothesis; (4) the body of your paper. This is where you conduct your analysis; and (5) conclusions.

Papers should include *at least ten references drawn from journal articles or books*. References should appear as endnotes; a bibliography is not required.

Late papers will be subject to grade reductions. Extensions will only be considered for medical reasons and in those cases *students must present a written medical or counselling certificate to the instructor.*

Discussion Groups

Discussion groups are run by the Teaching Assistants. Discussion groups will be held in weeks 3 to 12. Students are expected to have read the assigned readings before their group meets. Students earn participation marks by: (1) attending the discussion group; and (2) making meaningful contributions to the discussion.

Final Exam

A 3-hour comprehensive final exam covering the material of the entire course will be scheduled during the formal examination period (4-20 Dec). The final exam will include several essay type questions. Students will have some choice as to which questions to answer. All material that is covered in the readings and lectures is examinable material.

*To do well on the final exam students are strongly encouraged to **attend class**, including the final review class, and to **take notes** during class.*

Readings

- Readings for the lectures are taken primarily from Allen Sens and Peter Stoett, *Global Politics: Origins, Currents, Directions*, Third Edition (Toronto: Thomson-Nelson, 2005).
- Readings for the discussion groups are taken from Mark Charlton, ed., *Crosscurrents: International Relations* (Toronto: Thomson-Nelson, 2005).

Both texts are available for purchase from the Carleton University Bookstore.

1. Introduction to the course (Sept 5th)

PART I: A HISTORY OF WAR AND PEACE

2. Ancient times to 1914 (Sept 12th)

Lecture: Sens and Stoett, pp. 35-56

3. The World Wars (Sept 19th)

Lecture: Sens and Stoett, pp. 56-66

Discussion Group: Charlton, Issue 2 – “Is Globalization Undermining the Power of the Nation-State?”

4. The Cold War (Sept 26th)

Paper proposals are due in discussion groups today

Lecture: Sens and Stoett, pp. 75-101

Discussion Group: Charlton, Issue 6 – “Will a Ballistic Defence System Undermine Global Security?”

PART II: UNDERSTANDING HISTORY: IR CONCEPTS AND THEORIES

5. Overview of the IR field; Idealism and collective security (Oct 3rd)

Paper proposals will be returned in discussion groups today

Lecture: Sens and Stoett, pp. 9-14; 18; 156-164

Discussion Group: Charlton, Issue 5 - "Did the War against Iraq Violate International Law?"

6. Realism and the balance of power (Oct 17th)

Lecture: Sens and Stoett, pp. 14-19; 66-71; 192

Discussion Group: Charlton, Issue 1 - "Will American Hegemony Produce a Better World for Everyone?"

7. International organizations and cooperation (Oct 24th)

Papers are due in discussion groups today

Lecture: Sens and Stoett, pp. 152-155; 164-179

Discussion Group: Charlton, Issue 15 - "Do We Need an International Criminal Court?"

8. Film (Oct 31st)

Papers will be returned in discussion groups

Lecture: Video: *Uncertain Soil: The Story Of United Nations Peacekeeping*

Discussion Group: Charlton, Issue 18 - "Do We Need a World Environmental Organization?"

PART III: CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL ISSUES

9. Trends in warfare; Peacekeeping, humanitarian intervention & sanctions (Nov 7th)

Lecture: Sens and Stoett, pp. 201-207; 263-279

Discussion Group: Charlton, Issue 3 - "Is the World Fragmenting into Antagonistic Cultures?"

10. Human security, deterrence & pre-emptive war (Nov 14th)

Lecture: Sens and Stoett, pp. 80; 256-257; Issues 4 and 14 from Charlton

Discussion Group: Charlton, Issue 14 - "Should Human Security Be the Core Value of Canadian Foreign Policy?"

11. Proliferation, arms control & terrorism (Nov 21st)

Lecture: Sens and Stoett, pp. 210-230; 248-256

Discussion Group: Charlton, Issue 4 - "Will the Bush Doctrine of Preemptive War Promote a More Secure World?"

12. Review (Nov 28th)

We will complete any unfinished material and conduct a review for the final exam.

Discussion Group: Charlton, Issue 7 - "Has NATO Become Irrelevant in an Age of Terror."

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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 (9500 University Drive) 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 I receive your letter of accommodation, **no later than 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 Undergraduate Calendar defines plagiarism as: "to use and pass off as one's own idea or product, work of another without expressly giving credit to another." The Graduate Calendar states that plagiarism has occurred when a student either: (a) directly copies another's work without acknowledgment; or (b) closely paraphrases the equivalent of a short paragraph or more without acknowledgment; or (c) borrows, without acknowledgment, any ideas in a clear and recognizable form in such a way as to present them as the student's own thought, where such ideas, if they were the student's own would contribute to the merit of his or her own work. Instructors who suspect plagiarism are required to submit the paper and supporting documentation to the Departmental Chair who will refer the case to the Dean. It is not permitted to hand in the same assignment to two or more courses. 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 strongly encourages students to sign up for a campus email account. Important course and University information will be distributed via the Connect email system. See <http://connect.carleton.ca> for instructions on how to set up your 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.