

POLI 2057 sec 001
Introduction to International Politics
Spring 2019
MWF 9:30-10:20
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MWF 11:30-12:30
MW 2:00-3:00

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

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

James, M. Scott, Ralph G. Carter and A. Cooper Drury. *IR: International, Economic, and Human Security in a Changing World*. Sage Publication, 2018

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
Take-Home Exam	10 pts (Due Wed. Feb. 06)
In-Class Midterm	20 pts (Feb. 27)
Multiple Choice Tests (2)	10 pts (Feb. 25; Apr. 24)
Research Paper	10 pts (Due Fri. Apr. 12)
Final	<u>40 pts</u> (Wed. May 01 12:30-2:30)
	100 pts

A+ 100-95	B+ 86.9-85	C+ 76.9-75	D+ 66.9-65	F below 57
A 94.9-90	B 84.9-80	C 74.9-70	D 64.9-60	
A- 89.9-87	B- 79.9-77	C- 69.9-67	D- 59-57	

LECTURE OUTLINE

Jan. 09-18	Course Intro: Relevance and Complexity Scott, Carter, Drury, Chapter 1
Jan. 18-23	Background to the Study of World Politics Scott, Carter, Drury, Chapter 2
Jan. 25-30	The Theories of International Relations Scott, Carter, Drury, Chapters 3 & 4
*Feb. 05	Take-Home Exam Due
Feb. 01-08	The Actors of World Politics The Role of Domestic Context Scott, Carter, Drury, Chapter 2
Feb. 11-15	Conflict in World Politics: The Conduct of War Scott, Carter, Drury, Chapters 5 & 6
Feb. 18-22	Cooperation in World Politics: The Conduct of Diplomacy Scott, Carter, Drury, Chapter 7
Feb. 25	NYT Multiple Choice
Feb. 27	Mid-Term (In-Class)
Mar. 01-22	Relations among Industrialized Countries: The U.S. and EU, Japan and Canada Scott, Carter, Drury, Chapters 8 & 9
Mar. 25-Apr. 05	Relations between Industrialized and Developing Countries: The Changing Tides Scott, Carter, Drury, Chapters 9 & 10
Apr. 08-12	Relations with Communist and Former Communist States Transculturalism Global Problems Scott, Carter, Drury, Chapters 11, 12 & 13
Apr. 12	Research Paper Due
Apr. 22-26	NYT Multiple Choice Test/Review Session/Course Evaluation
May 01 - Wed.	Final Exam 12:30-2:30