

Political Science 145
The Politics of Global Problems
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Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 9:30-10:48
Koffolt Laboratories 205

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Course Description

This is an introductory course to the study of international politics. There are two broad goals for this course. The first is to provide students with analytical tools necessary for understanding and explaining international politics. The second is to increase students' familiarity with some of the most pressing political problems and challenges of the current international system. The class will discuss issues such as the importance of power in the international system; the challenges of the new global economy; the changing nature of security in the late twentieth and early twenty-first century; and the implications of these trends for the United States in the coming era.

Required Texts (available at SBX)

Joshua S. Goldstein. *International Relations, Brief Second Edition*. New York: Longman, 2004.

Annual Editions: Global Issues 04/05, 20th edition. Robert Jackson, ed. Guilford, Connecticut: McGraw-Hill / Dushkin, 2004.

*Additionally there may be short readings placed on reserve at the library. These would be announced well in advance so that all students will have the opportunity to obtain them.

Recommended Reading

I strongly recommend that each student follow current events on a daily basis, focusing on international politics. Reading the *New York Times* is likely to be the best way to do this. You can subscribe to the *New York Times* through the university, buy the paper daily at the bookstore or other locations, or read the on-line version of the paper located at www.nytimes.com (this is free). Other major papers with substantial international coverage may also be appropriate (e.g., *Washington Post*, *L.A. Times*, *London Times* – all have web-versions available).

Course Requirements

The course will combine lecture with class discussion. As such, students are expected to attend class regularly and participate in class discussion. Students should complete the assigned readings by the dates listed below in the course outline. Additionally, students should make an effort to be informed of current international political events.

The grade for the course will have four components as listed below:

- 10% - Map Quiz (Friday 1 October)
- 30% - Exam I (Friday 15 October)
- 30% - Exam II (Monday 8 November)
- 30% - Exam III (Wednesday 8 December 7:30-9:18)

Late assignments: Make-up exams will not be granted except under extraordinary conditions and with written documentation (medical or family emergency).

Academic Honesty

All of the work you do in this course is expected to be your own. Absolutely **NO** cheating or plagiarism (using someone else's words or ideas without proper citation) will be tolerated. Any cases of cheating or plagiarism will be reported to the university committee on academic misconduct and handled according to university policy.

Disability

If you need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability, you should contact me to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. At the appointment we can discuss the course format, anticipate your needs and explore potential accommodations. I rely on the Office For Disability Services for assistance in verifying the need for accommodations and developing accommodation strategies. If you have not previously contacted the Office for Disability Services, I encourage you to do so.

Course Outline*

September 22, 24, 27 *Why and How to Study International Politics*
Read: Pages 1-43 (Chapter 1)

September 29 *Power Politics*
October 1, 4 Read: Pages 44-50, 58-74
Annual Editions: 12-17 (#3)

October 1 **MAP QUIZ**

October 6, 8, 11, 13 *Conflict and Security*
Read: Pages 50-57, 122-144, 173-175.
Annual Editions: Pages 134-141 (#23)

October 15 **EXAM I**

October 18, 20, *Alternatives to Power Politics*
22, 25 Read: Pages 75-101
Annual Editions: Pages 158-160 (#26)

October 27, 29 *Transformation of World Politics and New Security Issues*
November 1, 3, 5 Read: Pages 163-173, 303-326, 356-377.
Annual Editions: Pages 2-6 (#1), 27, 31-38 (#6), 43-47 (#8), 103-107 (#19), 108-113 (#20), 114-123 (#21)

November 8 **EXAM II**

November 10, 12, 15 *International Political Economy*
Read: Pages 178-207, 216-233

November 17, 19, 22 *Problems of Interdependence and Globalization*
Read: Pages 290-303, 378-389
Annual Editions: 7-11 (#2), 65-73 (#12), 190-193 (#33)

November 29 *International Cooperation, International Law, and Human Rights*
December 1, 3 Read: Pages 237-256, 269-287, 389-391.
Annual Editions: 18-25 (#4), 161-162 (#27), 186-189 (#32)

December 8 **Exam III 7:30-9:18**
(Wednesday)

*Note that the course outline may be altered. Any changes will be announced in class.