

COURSE SYLLABUS

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

POLI 2057; Spring 2015

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is primarily designed to grant students a broad-based exposure, across a variety of conceptual and empirical issues, to the current international system. These issues will be contextualized within both normative and empirical frameworks to equip students with a sophisticated and multi-dimensional analytical toolbox. Such an intimate engagement should prepare students to tease out fundamental debates within the IR discipline on crucial international problems and different analytical paradigms to deal with them.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will be able to:

- Identify: Theories of world politics
- Recognize: Structures and processes
- Describe: Globalization and its future
- Classify: International issues
- Evaluate: Various issue areas associated with globalization
- Explain: Different Process at work in the process of globalization
- Define: Key theoretical themes and events associated with globalization

MAJOR & CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES TARGETED

The course is targeted to afford students a wide-ranging menu of issue-areas within a historical context that have risen onto the agenda of international politics in the post-Cold War era. The course will be taught at a generic level assuming no prior knowledge of or expertise in International Relations.

ASSURANCE OF LEARNING

We will combine weekly chapter write-ups with two multiple-choice exams to ensure maximum exposure to the material covered.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

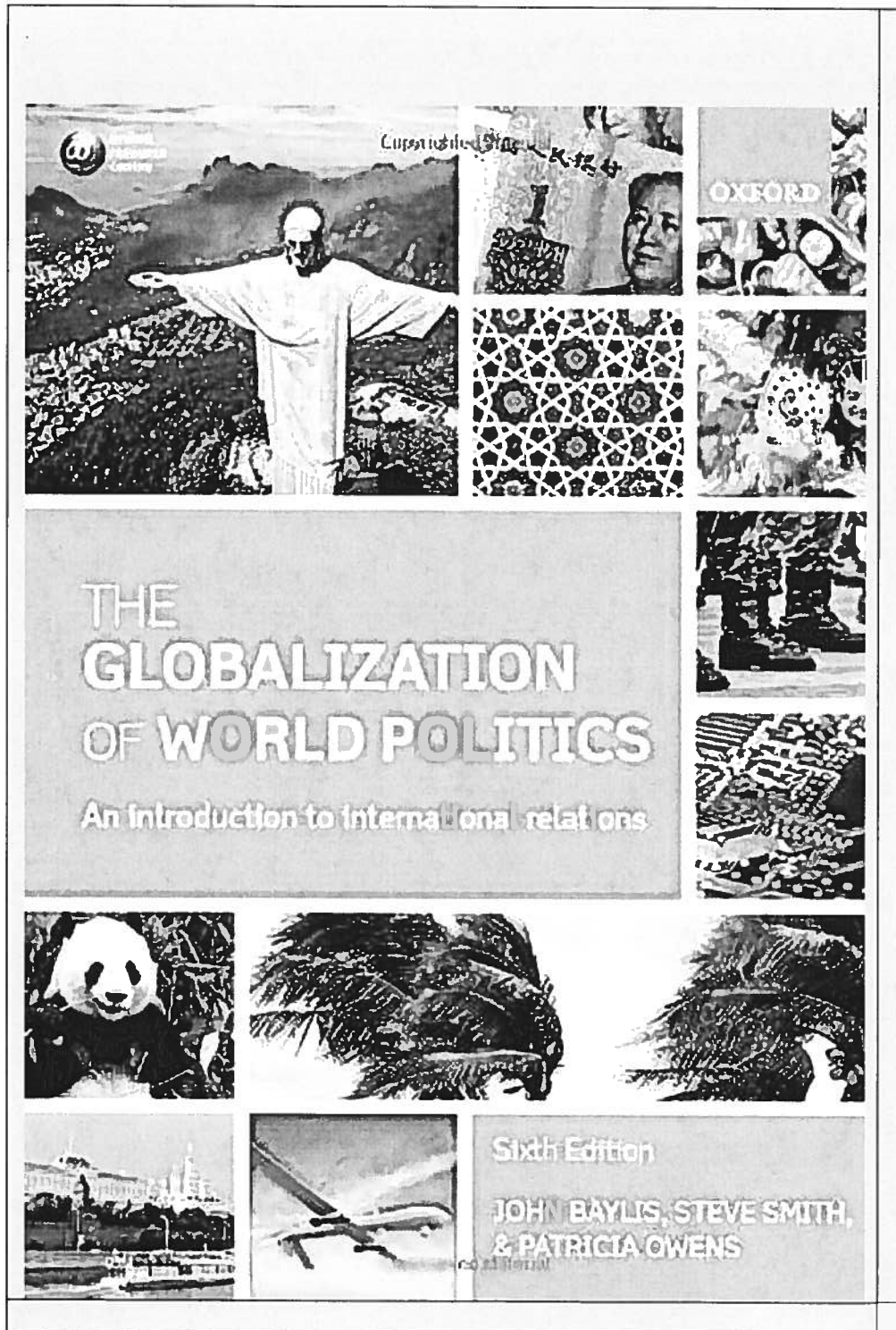
COURSE PREREQUISITES

There are no prerequisites for this course.

TEXTBOOK:

The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations; (John Baylis , Steve Smith, Patricia Owens) (Oxford University Press, USA; 6 edition; 2014)

- ISBN-10: 0199656177
- ISBN-13: 978-0199656172



Weekly Write-ups

The course consists of 10 sections. For each of the 10 sections, students are required to write a roughly 500-word write-up encapsulating the main concepts, associated events, and prominent figures covered in the readings assigned for that section. **Each write-up will constitute 5 percent of your final grade for a total of**

50%. You are required to submit these write-ups via turnitin on Moodle . There are no write-up assignments until the end of the second week of classes; this should give you ample time to obtain the textbook. So, no excuse for not having received the book to submit the weekly write-ups will be accepted. **The deadlines for these write-ups are set at 11:55 P.M of the last date allocated for that section. These deadlines are as follows and will NOT be extended under any circumstances. The segments you will need to submit assignments for are indicated in Course Calendar.**

Weekly write-up Deadline:

Section 1:	Sunday, January 25	11:55 PM
Section 2:	Sunday, February 1	11:55 PM
Section 3:	Sunday, February 8	11:55 PM
Section 4:	Sunday, February 22	11:55 PM
Section 5:	Sunday, March 1	11:55 PM
Section 6:	Sunday, March 15	11:55 PM
Section 7:	Sunday, March 22	11:55 PM
Section 8:	Sunday, March 29	11:55 PM
Section 9:	Sunday, April 19	11:55 PM
Section 10:	Sunday, April 26	11:55 PM

Exams

Two 50-question multiple-choice exams (each question is worth 0.50 percent of the final grade) will together constitute the remaining 50% of the final grade. These exams are **non-cumulative** and will test your general understanding and appreciation of the main themes tackled over the course of the class. An intimate engagement with the assigned readings should do the trick for these tests. Each exam will be allotted 60 minutes.

Exam Deadlines:

The First exam will be on Friday, October 17th.
The Second test will be on Friday, December 5th

GRADING

Final grades will be computed based upon performance on the following items:

Write-ups: 50%

Exam 1: 25%

Exam 2: 25%

Total: 100%

Grading Scales:

A= 90-100%

B= 80-89 %

C= 70-79%

D= 60-69%

F= Below 60%

COURSE CALENDAR

Section 1: January 15- 25

Themes: **Globalization and its evolution**

Text:

1. Globalization and Global Politics, *Anthony McGrew*
2. The Evolution of International Society, *David Armstrong*
3. International History, 1900-1999, *Len Scott*
4. From the End of the Cold War to the New Global Era, *Michael Cox*

Assignment: Weekly write-up #1: Sunday, January 25 11:55 PM

Section 2: January 26- February 1

Themes: **Theories of Globalization**

Textbook: 5. Rising Powers and the Emerging Global Order, *Andrew Hurrell*
6. Realism, *Tim Dunne and Brian C. Schmidt*
7. Liberalism, *Tim Dunne*
8. Contemporary Mainstream Approaches: Neo-Realism and Neo-Liberalism, *Steven L. Lamy*

Assignment: Weekly write-up #2: Sunday, February 1 11:55 PM

Section 3: February 2-8

Theme: **Alternative Theories of Globalization**

Textbook: 9. Marxist Theories of International Relations, *Stephen Hobden and Richard Wyn Jones*
10. Social Constructivism, *Michael Barnett*

Assignment: Weekly write-up #3: Sunday, February 8 11:55 PM

Section 4: February 9-22

Theme: **Non-traditional Theories of Globalization**

Textbook: 11. Post Structuralism, *Lene Hansen*
12. Post Colonialism, *Christine Sylvester*
13. International Ethics, *Richard Shapcott*

Assignment: Weekly write-up #4: Sunday, February 22 11:55 PM

Section 5: February 23- March 1

Theme: **Evolution of International politics**

Textbook: 14. The Changing Character of War, *Mike Sheehan*
15. International and Global Security, *John Baylis*
16. International Political Economy in an Age of Globalization, *Ngaire Woods*

Assignment: Weekly write-up #5: March 1 11:55 PM

Exam#1: **The First exam will be on Tuesday, March 3rd**

Chapters: The Exam will be based on chapter 1-16 of the textbook.

Section 6: March 2-15

Theme: **Emerging issues in international politics**

Textbook: 17. Gender in World Politics, J. Ann Tickner
 18. International Law, Christian Reus-Smit
 19. International Regimes, Richard Little

Assignment: Weekly write-up #6: Sunday, March 15 11:55 PM

Section 7: March 16-22

Theme: **The UN and IOs**

Textbook: 20. The United Nations, Paul Taylor and Devon Curtis
 21. Transnational Actors and International Organizations in Global Politics, Peter Willetts

Assignment: Weekly write-up #7: Sunday, March 22 11:55 PM

Section 8: March 23-29

Theme: **International Issues (1)**

Textbook: 22. Environmental Issues, John Vogler
 23. Terrorism and Globalization, James D. Kiras
 24. Nuclear Proliferation, Sheena Chestnut Greitens
 25. Nationalism, John Breuilly

Assignment: Weekly write-up #8: Sunday, March 29 11:55 PM

Section 9: March 30-April 19

Theme: **International Issues (2)**

Textbook: 26. Regionalism in International Affairs, Edward Best and Thomas Christiansen

27. Global Trade and Global Finance, Matthew Watson
28. Poverty, Development, and Hunger, Tony Evans and Caroline Thomas
29. Human Security, Amitav Acharya
30. Human Rights, *Jack Donnelly*

Assignment: Weekly write-up #9: Sunday, April 19 11:55 PM

Section 10: April 20- 26

Theme: **The Future of Globalization**

Textbook: 31. Humanitarian Intervention in World Politics, *Alex J. Bellamy and Nicholas J. Wheeler*
32. Globalization and the Transformation of Political Community, *Andrew Linklater*
33. Globalization and the Post-Cold War Order, *Ian Clark*

Assignment: Weekly write-up #10: Sunday, April 26 11:55 PM

Exam #2: **The Second test will be on Thursday April 30th**

Chapters: The Exam will be based on chapters 17-33 of the textbook.