

World Politics
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Textbook

The readings are selected chapters of Goldstein & Pevehouse **International Relations** (7th edition).

We will read almost this entire book except for a few chapters. The textbook is ordered through the university bookstore, which is located in the library. You may also find the book at Stony Books, a bookstore located across the railroad station.

From time to time I will post additional interesting pieces of reading on the website of this course which will be located on the blackboard site. If you have not used Blackboard before here is information provided by the Blackboard concerning access to the site.

You can access class information on-line at: <http://blackboard.sunysb.edu>

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Course requirements

1.Exams: There will be 2 midterm and a comprehensive final examination. The exact date of the midterms will be announced at least one week prior to the exam if I have to change the date on the syllabus. I will also announce the coverage of the midterm exam at least one week before the exam. Midterm exam will count as **25** percent of the course grade. The final exam will count as **40** percent of the grade. The final exam date is announced by the registrars office and is not subject to change.

2. Unannounced quizzes. There will be **5** unannounced quizzes during the term. In the quizzes I will ask one or two questions which you should answer with no more than a few sentences. Quizzes will cover the material we covered on that class period. Each quiz

counts for **2** percent of your course grade. In total quizzes will count for **10** percent of your grade.

3. Attendance: There is no mandatory attendance for this course. So you are perfectly free not to attend but this means risking missing quizzes. Still, your physical existence in the class is not required for passing this course. If you intend not to listen to the lecture and contribute to class discussions you may choose not attend the lectures. I will not hold you responsible for your absence. However, as a forewarning, note that both exams and quizzes will require your understanding of the lectures as well as the textbook.

4. Extra credit: Students in this course are encouraged to participate in research conducted by the Department of Political Science. Time and place of each research study will be announced promptly. A research study will typically take no more than an hour. If there are multiple studies offered and if you participate in more than one study you will still get credit for only **one** participation. If you choose to participate in a research study you will receive 5 percentage points. For example if your final grade is 75 out of 100 and you participated in one research experiment you will be given an additional 5 points and complete the course with 80 out of 100. In order to get the credit for an experiment you must participate in the experiment before the last class of the experiment. Make sure you indicate you are in Pol 101.01 to the experimenter and sign the participation sheet legibly in order to get the credit.

Midterm exams: 25+25 =50%

Final exam: 40 %

Quizzes: 10%

Total: 100%

I do not hold you responsible for attending the course however every student is strongly encouraged to attend the course. For most of the course we will follow the textbook but lectures and the text will not overlap perfectly. I will expect you to show your knowledge not only about what is in the text but what is in the lecture as well. The exams will cover both the textbook and my lectures. You will get the maximum benefit from the course if you are familiar with the material to be covered in the lectures. Try to read the relevant chapters before we discuss it in class. At the end of each lecture I will let the class where we left and remind you of the reading assignment for next class. It is important that you come to class prepared.

Finally, if you have a physical, psychological, medical or learning disability that may impact your coursework, please contact Disability Support Services, 128 ECC Building 632-6748. They will determine with you what accommodations are necessary and appropriate. All information and documentation is confidential.

Students requiring emergency evacuation assistance are encouraged to discuss their needs with their professors and with DSS. For procedures and information see <http://www.sunysb.edu/facilities/ehs/fire/disabilities.shtml>.

Course Topics and Readings

August 29 – Introduction

August 31- Subject matter of IR (Chapter 1)

September 5- No class (labor day)

September 7- Setting the stage: A brief history of the Age of the Nation State (Chapter 1)

September 12- Realism and analyzing interactions among nations (Chapter 2)

September 14- Power politics (Chapter 2)

September 19- Alternatives to realism: Liberalism (Chapter 3)

September 21- Other alternatives: Feminism, Post-Modernism and Peace Studies

September 26- Decision-making in foreign policy making (chapter 4)

September 28- Actors of decision-making (Chapter4)

October 3- No class

October 5- No class

October 10- International Conflict (chapter5)

October 12- International Conflict

October 17 -Midterm 1

October 19- Military Force (Chapter 6)

October 24- International Community – United Nations (Chapter 7)

October 26- International Law and sovereignty (Chapter7)

October 31- Review session

November 2- International Political Economy: Power of Trade (Chapter8)

November 7- World trade regimes and global trade (chapter8)

November 9- Money, Money, Money (Chapter 9)

November 14- Role of Multinational Corporations and the IMF (Chapter9)

November 16- From 'divide and rule' to 'integrate and rule' (Chapter10)

November 21- Midterm 2

November 23- Fortress Europe reloaded: European Integration (Chapter 10)

November 28-The North South Gap: Causes of the gap (Chapter 12)

November 30- The North South Gap: How does the difference in wealth affect IR?

December 5 – International Development (Chapter 13)

December 7- Conclusions

December 12- Review for the Final Exam

December 19-Final Exam