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POL101.02 World Politics

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Online

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Course Description

Analysis of the basic concepts and issues of international relations in the contemporary international system. The behaviors of states and their decision makers are considered according to various models of national and international conflict. The relationship between the characteristics of nations and their foreign policies is studied on a comparative basis.

Prerequisites: None.

Credits: 3.0

Text:¹Frieden, Jeffrey A., David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz. 2018. *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions*. Fourth Edition. New York, NY: W. W. Norton. ISBN: 978-0393675092

Course Policies and Grading

1. **Course Delivery Mode:** Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, this course has been converted to an online course. No in-person class session will be held for the rest of the semester. All course materials and interactions, assignments, and exams will utilize internet technologies. Narrative slides will be posted on Blackboard. In addition, discussion sessions and office hours will be provided during the regularly scheduled time. Students can log into Zoom to ask questions and get help. See “Technical Requirements” section for more information.
2. **Email and Internet:** You must have an active Stony Brook University e-mail account and access to the Internet. All instructor correspondence will be sent to your SBU e-mail account. Please plan on checking your SBU email account regularly for course related messages. This course uses Blackboard for the facilitation of communications between faculty and students, submission of assignments, and posting of grades. The Blackboard Course Site can be accessed at <https://blackboard.stonybrook.edu>.

¹Hereafter FLS.

3. **Technical Requirements:** This course requires that you have access to a computer that can access the internet. You will need to have access to, and be able to use, the following computer set-up and software packages:
 - Web browser (Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Safari, etc.)
 - PDF Reader (Adobe Acrobat Reader DC, Preview, etc.)
 - Word processing software (Microsoft Word, Pages, etc.)
 - Presentation software (E.g., Microsoft PowerPoint.)
 - Speakers (either internal or external) or headphones
 - Zoom – the web conferencing program provided by the Division of Information Technology. Check the DoIT's website for detail tutorial: <https://it.stonybrook.edu/services/zoom>.
4. **Readings:** Students are expected to read the assigned chapters from the textbook (see class schedule). The amount of the assigned readings typically includes one to two chapters per week. If you did not buy the textbook, read the narrative slides carefully. The slides will be posted *before* each of the three regular class sessions (M W F, 12:00 pm).
5. **Participation/Attendance:** Participation in class means reading the assigned readings and reviewing all information required for that learning unit. You may log into Zoom during the regular class sessions if you have any question. Attendance in an online course means logging into the Blackboard on a regular basis and participating in all of the activities that are posted in the course. Both parts are important to earning a passing grade.
6. **Assignments (40%):** There will be an assignment after each chapter. For each assignment, write down your answer/thought to the question in one or two paragraphs (double-spaced, 12-point font, and no more than one page in a PDF file). You are allowed to discuss with other classmates or to refer to any resources including my help, but in the end you should write the answer in your own words. Each assignment will be given 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4 points based on the quality of your answer. Throughout the semester, there will be more than 10 assignments so you may miss some of them and still get full credit of this part. If you answer more than 10 assignments, the highest 10 grades will be counted. Upload your assignment onto Blackboard within 3 days since the assignment has been posted.
7. **Exams (60%):** There will be two midterm exams and a final exam, consisting of multiple-choice questions. All of them will be held online and have a time limit of 53 minutes. You can take the exam at wherever you want but it is your responsibility to find a place with stable internet connection. I will not accept any retake of the exams because of connection problems. You are free to refer to any resources but discussion with others is not allowed. The three exams focus on material covered since the beginning of the semester, the first midterm exam, and the second midterm exam, respectively. These exams constitute a large portion of your grade, therefore it is your responsibility to be well-prepared and take the exams.
8. **Exam Dates:**

- Midterm Exam 1 (online): W 2/26, 12:00 - 12:53 pm

For the midterm exam 2 and the final exam, the exams will be posted at the following scheduled time (*please note that the date for midterm exam 2 has been postponed due to the extended spring break*) and you have to finish them within three days. The time limit for each exam is still the same. Once you start the exam, you have to finish them in 53 minutes.

- Midterm Exam 2 (online):

- Posted on F 4/10, 12:00 pm
- Due M 4/13, 12:00 pm
- Time limit 53 minutes

- Final Exam (online):

- Posted on F 5/8 12:00 pm
- Due M 5/11, 12:00 pm
- Time limit 53 minutes

9. **Makeup Exam Policy:** No exams may be taken early for any reason. A student who misses an exam must provide evidence such as a doctor's note or hospital admittance form, and inform me beforehand. If you are ill prior to an exam, let me know as soon as possible if you may miss the exam. Makeup exams will consist entirely of long essays (10-15 pages) and have to be submitted within one week since the exam dates for the midterm exams and before the final week. Failure to write one of the exams without providing a sufficient excuse will result in a grade of zero for that exam. No exception will be made for the above policy.
10. **Extra Credit:** You will have the opportunity to participate in several experiments in the Political Science department for extra credit. Participation in these experiments is completely voluntary. For experiments that are 30 minutes long or less, you will be given extra credit points of 1% of all points in the course, and for experiments that are longer than 30 minutes, you will be given extra credit points of 2% of all points in the course. The details of the experiments will be announced at a later date.
11. **Communicating with the Instructor:** Since this is an online class, every announcement will be made on Blackboard or through email. The Blackboard Course Site can be accessed at <https://blackboard.stonybrook.edu>. It is your responsibility to check them regularly. If you have any question, feel free to email me **or talk to me via Zoom during office hours**, but please make sure there is no answer on the syllabus before contacting me. In addition, do not expect an immediate response via email. Normally, a response will be sent within 1 to 2 days.

(Note: If you cannot reach me, please email CAS_Dean@stonybrook.edu. This is intended as a safety precaution so that if a faculty member goes unexpectedly "offline", their department is aware.)
12. **Technical Assistance:** If you need technical assistance at any time during the course or to report a problem with Blackboard you can

- Phone: (631) 632-9800 (client support, wifi, software and hardware)
- Submit a help request ticket: <https://it.stonybrook.edu/services/itsm>

13. Grading Breakdown by Percentage:

- Assignments: 40% (4% for each)
- Exams: 60% (20% for each)

14. Grading Scale:

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| 94+ | A | 77-79 | C+ | 60-63 | D- |
| 90-93 | A- | 74-76 | C | 0-59 | F |
| 87-89 | B+ | 70-73 | C- | | |
| 84-86 | B | 67-69 | D+ | | |
| 80-83 | B- | 64-66 | D | | |

Note on the Syllabus

The instructor reserves the right to make reasonable changes to the syllabus and class/reading schedule during the course of the semester. Please refer to Blackboard for the most updated version of the syllabus.

Class Schedule (tentative and subject to change)

| Week | Date | Topics | Chapter |
|------|------------------------|--|----------|
| 1 | M 1/27, W 1/29, F 1/31 | Syllabus Introduction | Intro |
| 2 | M 2/3, W 2/5, F 2/7 | Introduction Foundation: Historical Background | Intro, 1 |
| 3 | M 2/10, W 2/12, F 2/14 | Foundation: Interests, Interactions, and Institutions A Primer on Game Theory | 2 |
| 4 | M 2/17, W 2/19, F 2/21 | War and Peace: Why Wars? | 3 |
| 5 | M 2/24, F 2/28 | War and Peace: Domestic Politics and War Midterm Exam 1 on W 2/26 | 4 |
| 6 | M 3/2, W 3/4, F 3/6 | War and Peace: Institutions and War | 5 |
| 7 | M 3/9, W 3/11, F 3/13 | War and Peace: Civil War and Terrorism | 6 |
| | | No Class on M 3/16, W 3/18, F 3/20 (Spring Break) | |
| | | No Class on M 3/23, W 3/25, F 3/27 (Spring Break) | |
| 8 | M 3/30, W 4/1, F 4/3 | International Political Economy: Trade | 7 |
| 9 | M 4/6, W 4/8 | International Political Economy: Finance Midterm Exam 2 on F 4/10 | 8 |
| 10 | M 4/13, W 4/15, F 4/17 | International Political Economy: Monetary Policy | 9 |
| 11 | M 4/20, W 4/22, F 4/24 | International Political Economy: Development | 10 |
| 12 | M 4/27, W 4/29, F 5/1 | Transnational Politics: Law and Norms Transnational Politics: Human Rights | 11, 12 |
| 13 | M 5/4, W 5/6 | Transnational Politics: Global Environment Final Exam on F 5/8 | 13 |

Student Accessibility Support Center (SASC) Statement

If you have a physical, psychological, medical, or learning disability that may impact your course work, please contact the Student Accessibility Support Center, 128 ECC Building, (631) 632-6748, or at sasc@Stonybrook.edu. They will determine with you what accommodations are necessary and appropriate. All information and documentation is confidential. Students who require assistance during emergency evacuation are encouraged to discuss their needs with their professors and the Student Accessibility Support Center. For procedures and information go to the following website: <https://ehs.stonybrook.edu/programs/fire-safety/emergency-evacuation/evacuation-guide-people-physical-disabilities> and search Fire Safety and Evacuation and Disabilities.

Academic Integrity Statement

Each student must pursue his or her academic goals honestly and be personally accountable for all submitted work. Representing another person's work as your own is always wrong. Faculty is required to report any suspected instances of academic dishonesty to the Academic Ju-

diciary. Faculty in the Health Sciences Center (School of Health Technology & Management, Nursing, Social Welfare, Dental Medicine) and School of Medicine are required to follow their school-specific procedures. For more comprehensive information on academic integrity, including categories of academic dishonesty please refer to the academic judiciary website at https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/academic_integrity/

Critical Incident Management

Stony Brook University expects students to respect the rights, privileges, and property of other people. Faculty are required to report to the Office of University Community Standards any disruptive behavior that interrupts their ability to teach, compromises the safety of the learning environment, or inhibits students' ability to learn. Faculty in the HSC Schools and the School of Medicine are required to follow their school-specific procedures. Further information about most academic matters can be found in the Undergraduate Bulletin, the Undergraduate Class Schedule, and the Faculty-Employee Handbook.