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POL101.02 World Politics

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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. **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 do not want to buy the textbook, read the slides carefully.
2. **Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all classes and should not be texting, talking, or surfing the internet while class is in session. Some test questions may concern lecture or in-class discussion, and may not be covered in the assigned readings. Attendance is important to earning a passing grade.
3. **Laptop and Electronic Devices:** You may use laptop or any electronic devices for the purpose of learning in the class. However, all devices that make noise must be put on silent/NOT vibrate upon entering the classroom. If usage of electronic devices becomes a distraction in the class, I reserve the right to ask you to leave or take your points off.

¹Hereafter FLS.

4. **Assignments (40%):** There will be an in-class 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 score of this part. If you answer more than 10 assignments, the highest 10 grades will be counted. Upload your assignment onto Blackboard before the end of the day.
5. **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.
6. **Exam Dates:**
 - Midterm Exam 1: W 2/26, 12:00 - 12:53 pm (online)
 - Midterm Exam 2: F 4/3, 12:00 - 12:53 pm (online)
 - Final Exam: F 5/8 12:00 - 12:53 pm (online)
7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **Communicating with the Instructor:** Outside of class time, 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 see me 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.

10. Grading Breakdown by Percentage:

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

11. Grading Scale:

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)	
8	M 3/23, W 3/25, F 3/27	International Political Economy: Trade	7
9	M 3/30, W 4/1	International Political Economy: Finance Midterm Exam 2 on F 4/3	8
10	M 4/6, W 4/8, F 4/10	International Political Economy: Monetary Policy	9
11	M 4/13	International Political Economy: Development No Class on W 4/15, F 4/17 (MPSA Conference)	10
12	M 4/20, W 4/22, F 4/24	Transnational Politics: Law and Norms	11
13	M 4/27, W 4/29, F 5/1	Transnational Politics: Human Rights	12
14	M 5/4, W 5/6	Transnational Politics: Global Environment Looking Ahead: Challenges to the Global Order Final Exam on F 5/8	13, 14

Disability Support Services (DSS) Statement

If you have a physical, psychological, medical or learning disability that may impact your course work, please contact Disability Support Services, ECC(Educational Communications Center) Building, Room 128, (631)632-6748. They will determine with you what accommodations, if any, are necessary and appropriate. All information and documentation is confidential.

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 Judiciary. 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.