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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:**<sup>1</sup>Frieden, 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 pandemic, this course has been converted to an online course. No in-person class session will be held for the whole semester. All course materials, interactions, and exams will utilize internet technologies. Narrated slides will be posted on Blackboard. In addition, office hours will be offered virtually during the 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 or exams, and posting of grades. The Blackboard Course Site can be accessed at <https://blackboard.stonybrook.edu>.

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<sup>1</sup>Hereafter 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 and listen to the narrated slides carefully. The slides will be posted *before* the start of each learning unit (see Class Schedule).
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 office hours 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 online in the course. Both parts are important to earning a passing grade.
6. **Exams (100%):** There will be two midterm exams (30% each) and a cumulative final exam (40%). All of them will be held online. The two midterm exams consist of 30 multiple-choice questions and have a time limit of 80 minutes. The final exam consists of 40 multiple-choice questions and has a time limit of 100 minutes. You earn one percent of semester grade by answering each question correctly. You have to start taking the exams within three days since they have been posted (see Exam Dates) and have to finish them in one sitting (within the time limit). 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. These exams constitute the whole part of your semester grade, therefore it is your responsibility to be well-prepared and take the exams.
7. **Exam Dates:**
- Midterm Exam 1:
    - Posted on W 3/10, 12:00 am
    - Due F 3/12, 11:59 pm
    - Time limit: 80 minutes
    - Covered range: Intro - Ch5
  - Midterm Exam 2:

- Posted on W 4/14, 12:00 am
  - Due F 4/16, 11:59 pm
  - Time limit: 80 minutes
  - Covered range: Ch6 - Ch10
  - (Cumulative) Final Exam:
    - Posted on W 5/12 12:00 am
    - Due F 5/14, 11:59 pm
    - Time limit: 100 minutes
    - Covered range: Intro - Ch13
8. **Exam Policy:** There are no makeup exams. 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. The weight of the missed exam will be added to the weight of the final exam. You **MUST** take the final exam. No exception will be made for the above policy.
9. **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.
10. **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 the 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](mailto:CAS_Dean@stonybrook.edu). This is intended as a safety precaution so that if a faculty member goes unexpectedly "offline", their department is aware.)*
11. **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>
12. **Grading Breakdown by Percentage:**
- Midterm Exam 1: 30%
  - Midterm Exam 2: 30%

- Final Exam: 40%

### 13. Grading Scale:

94+	A	77-79	C+	0-59	F
90-93	A-	74-76	C		
87-89	B+	70-73	C-		
84-86	B	67-69	D+		
80-83	B-	60-66	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 2/1 – F 2/5	Syllabus Introduction	Intro
2	M 2/8 – F 2/12	Foundation: Historical Background	1
3	M 2/15 – F 2/19	Foundation: Interests, Interactions, and Institutions	2
4	M 2/22 – F 2/26	War and Peace: Why Wars?	3
5	M 3/1 – F 3/5	War and Peace: Domestic Politics and War	4
6	M 3/8 – F 3/12	War and Peace: Institutions and War <b>Midterm Exam 1: W 3/10 12:00 am – F 3/12 11:59 pm</b>	5
7	M 3/15 – F 3/19	War and Peace: Civil War and Terrorism	6
8	M 3/22 – F 3/26	International Political Economy: Trade	7
9	M 3/29 – F 4/2	International Political Economy: Finance	8
10	M 4/5 – F 4/9	International Political Economy: Monetary Policy	9
11	M 4/12 – F 4/16	International Political Economy: Development <b>Midterm Exam 2: W 4/14 12:00 am – F 4/16 11:59 pm</b>	10
12	M 4/19 – F 4/23	Transnational Politics: Law and Norms	11
13	M 4/26 – F 4/30	Transnational Politics: Human Rights	12
14	M 5/3 – F 5/7	Transnational Politics: Global Environment	13
15		<b>Final Exam: W 5/12 12:00 am – F 5/14 11:59 pm</b>	

**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](mailto: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 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/](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.