

Global Diplomacy, International Security and Peace: Your Guide to What's in the News (and What's Not!)

Political Science 21— (online course for approximately 60 students)

January-April 2019

Selected Topics proposal: Associate Professor Erika Simpson, May 22, 2018



COURSE OVERVIEW AND RULES

Course Description:

This interdisciplinary International Relations course unpacks the history, theory, and practice of global diplomacy, international security and peace with empirical and theoretical analysis of the primary issues in contemporary IR studies, including the environment, migration, multilateral institutions, nuclear proliferation and peacekeeping. Students learn by participating in online class exercises based on the Cuban missile crisis, a Model UN and North Korea's nuclear program. Participation in an online forum deepens the student's understanding of current developments in global politics including the student's knowledge about what's in the news (and what's not!).

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Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, students will be able to:

- Identify and describe some key figures, events and trends in the recent history of international relations;
- Identify and engage with different types of political theories in international relations;
- Analyze and evaluate international issues and place them in their historical context
- Connect present-day problems to historical events and place them in a global context

Pre-requisites and **Anti-requisites:**

There are no pre-requisites for this course.

The anti-requisites for this course include IR 2702E, Pol Sci 2145A, Pol Sci 2141B and Pol Sci 3203F.

"Please Note: You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites, and that you have not taken an antirequisite course. Lack of prerequisites may not be used as a basis for an appeal. If you are found to be ineligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time and you will receive no adjustment to your fees. This decision cannot be appealed. If you find that you do not have the course prerequisites, it is in your best interest to drop the course well before the end of the add/drop period. Your prompt attention to this matter will not only help protect your academic record, but will ensure that spaces become available for students who require the course in question for graduation." – Office of the Dean

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Course Materials:

All the instructor's Powerpoint Slides and the *Relevant Readings* are posted on OWL. All the instructor's slides are copyrighted by the instructor and remain the property of the instructor, not the University of Western Ontario. All the *Relevant Readings* are drawn from free online sources such as Google Scholar, Scholarship@Western and Youtube.

Course Evaluation:

Dropbox:	20% (for more information on how to earn participation points, see*)
Mid-term Exam:	40 % (on-campus on Saturday Feb 24, 1-3 pm, Location (TBA on OWL or make-up examination, on-campus on date TBA). For more information, see **
Final Exam	40 % (on-campus during the official exam period in April or make-up examination, on-campus on date TBA. You may not write both the mid-term and final exam on the same date). For more information, see ***

*Dropbox

You can earn up to 100% on participation worth 20% of the course evaluation by contributing to the Dropbox. The Dropbox is for private file sharing between the instructor and the student. The professor will mark your Dropbox contributions as follows:

0. 0% – no contribution under your Last Name, First Name is recorded during any relevant week. If you decide not to contribute during one relevant week or you are absent, there will be plenty of future opportunities to contribute to the Dropbox. But you must participate in the Dropbox in order to pass the course. Students that earn a mark of 0% on participation in the Dropbox will automatically fail the course. Students that earn a passing mark on participation (50%) will be permitted to write the Final Exam but may fail the course depending on Mid-Term and Final Exam Marks.
1. 10% – your contribution during the relevant week (Monday to Sunday) is satisfactory in terms of content and submitted on time by 11:55 pm on Sunday. Your written contribution is approximately 250-300 words and it is satisfactorily spell-checked and grammar-checked. You cite at least one compelling argument and important empirical fact based on the contribution of at least 1 expert listed in the *Relevant Readings* for that week.
2. 20% – your contribution during the relevant week is very good in terms of content and submitted on time by 11:55 pm on Sunday. Your original written contribution is approximately 500 words and it is properly spell-checked and grammar-checked. It includes well-constructed endnotes/footnotes and a properly-constructed Bibliography/Works Cited that includes at least 2 of the *Relevant Readings*. You cite at least 2 arguments and empirical facts based on the contribution of at least 2 of the experts listed in the *Relevant Readings* for that week.
3. 30% – your contribution during the relevant week is excellent in terms of content and submitted on-time by 11:55 pm on Sunday. Your original written contribution is approximately 750-1000 words and it is properly spell-checked and grammar-checked. It includes consistent and proper endnotes/footnotes and Works Cited/Bibliography in APA, Chicago or MLA style. It cites at least 3 arguments and 3 empirical facts based on the contribution of at least 3 experts listed in the *Relevant Readings* for that week.

Important Notes for Citations: For each Dropbox submission, copy and paste the “*Relevant Readings For Dropbox*” citations that are provided for every week, and attach it to the bottom of your answer page. Please highlight the citations that you have used.

Important Notes: Once you earn 100% on participation in the Dropbox, you will receive a congratulatory official email from the Professor attesting to your 100% participation. Then your mark of 100% is finalized on your Gradebook. After that, all your further contributions to the Dropbox will be voluntary and will not be marked nor can they be ‘added’ onto your 100% mark. You can earn a maximum of 100% on participation (worth up to 20% of your Final Mark) by participating in the Dropbox.

For example, a student that contributes to the Dropbox 7 times and earns marks of 10% each time will earn 70% on Participation. A student that contributes to the Dropbox 3 times and earns marks of 30% each time will earn 90%. A student that contributes to the Dropbox 4 times and earns marks of 30% each time will earn 100% (and not 120%).

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****Mid-Term Exam:**

The Mid-term Exam is a 2-hour multiple choice exam with 80 compulsory questions (no bonus questions or bonus marks). It tests you on the information covered on the Slides delivered in Classes 1-6, and it does not test you on the *Relevant Readings*. The *Relevant Readings* are **not** tested on the Mid-term Exam. Many students will finish the Mid-term Exam in 1 hour and are free to leave 'early' but no students can write the exam 'early' before February 24th or before the Final Exam in April.

*****Final Exam:**

The Final Exam is constructed exactly similarly to the Mid-Term Exam so it is also a 2-hour multiple choice exam with 80 compulsory exam questions ranging from 'very easy' to 'very challenging' and 'very difficult'. Like the mid-term exam, the final exam is non-cumulative so it tests you on the information covered in Classes 7-12. The *Relevant Readings* are **not** tested on the Final Exam. If you are an international student, your exams will be graded according to Canadian University standards.

Course Schedule:

➤ **Overview of Course Content:**

➤ Illnesses, cancellations and other unforeseen developments can affect the dates, times and topics.
The official overview is posted online and changed online.

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Week 1: Jan 7-13:

The Concept of Power in International Relations (IR) [hour #1] and a Whirlwind Tour of IR Theory [hour #2]

Week 2: Jan 14-20:

Historical Backdrop (1939-1962): The Legacies of War [hour #1] and the Dawning of the Nuclear Era including Hiroshima [hour #2]

Week 3: Jan 21-27:

The 1962 Cuban missile crisis [hour #1] and 'Nuclear Darkness' and 'Two Minutes to Midnight' [hour #2]

Week 4: Jan 28-Feb 3

Foreign Policy Processes [hour #1] and the Military and Non-Military Instruments of Foreign Policy (1970s to today) [hour #2]:

Week 5: Feb 4-10

Multilateral Diplomacy and International Organizations [hour #1] and the Structure and Purpose of the United Nations [hour #2]

Week of Feb 11-17: Reading Week

Week 6 of Feb 18-24:

Peacekeeping [hour #1] and Peace Support Operations including Mali [hour #2]

MID-TERM EXAM on Weeks 1-6 (40%)

The mid-term exam takes place on-campus on Saturday Feb. 23 1-3 pm in (location on campus To Be Announced [TBA] on OWL)

Week 7: Feb 23-March 3

The Arc of Crisis, Georgia, Ukraine and Syria [hour #1] and Outer Space and Global Diplomacy [hour #2]

Week 8: Mar 4-10

Terrorism, Nuclear Terrorism [hour #1] and Biological Warfare and Drones [hour #2]

Week 9: Mar 11-17

Ballistic Missile Defence and North Korea [hour #1] and Genocide, Human Rights and Summitry surrounding the DPRK and the United States (U.S.) [hour #2]

Week 10: March 18-24

Class 10: Environmental Problems including Climate Change and Water Scarcity [hour #1] and ‘the Coming Anarchy’ and the Amazon Rainforest Case-study [hour #2]

Week 11: March 25-31

Population Growth and Population Movements [hour #1] and Immigration and Refugee Policy [hour #2]

Week 12: April 1-7

Global Jeopardy Game including Exam Review [hour #1]

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General Notes about the Class:

1. Check the OWL site regularly for updates and details.
2. Emails: you must use your UWO email account for class-related emails. If the professor does not reply to your email within 48 hours (not including weekends) then resend your email and copy the original email onto the resent email as proof you contacted the professor earlier.
3. Do not use gmail and do not text the professor. The Professor does not reply to emails sent from non-UWO accounts. The Professor retains all email correspondence with you for one calendar year..
4. Conduct yourself according to the [University of Western Ontario Student Code of Conduct](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/board/code.pdf), which can be accessed as a PDF from: <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/board/code.pdf>.
5. “Plagiarism: Students must write their contributions to the Dropbox in their own ^[11]words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as, footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence. Please refer to [Scholastic Discipline under the Senate Policy on Academic Rights and Responsibilities](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/) at <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/>“
6. Non-Medical and Medical Absences: If you know you will be absent, please meet with your Academic Counsellor *ahead of time* to let your Counsellor know why and when, and they will try to accommodate you as reasonably possible. Please do not email confidential information regarding your situation to the Professor but rather contact your Academic Counsellor in your Faculty and s/he will contact the professor without divulging confidential information.
7. If you have medical or other documentation, you **must** take it to the Dean’s Office or your Academic Counsellor, who will then confirm your accommodation; the [Student Medical Certificate \(SMC\)](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medicalform.pdf) is available at: <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medicalform.pdf>
8. If your academic counsellor and/or the professor are unable to grant you fair and reasonable accommodation, the *whole percentage weight* for that assignment may be added to the value of the final exam but only in exceptional and highly unusual circumstances.

9. Religious Accommodation: “Notice: Please be advised that students must give proper written notice for such an accommodation in accordance with the directives in the [UWO Academic Calendar](http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2014/pg119.html) (pp. 18-19): <http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2014/pg119.html>”

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

Will I know my marks before I write the final exam?

The Professor posts all your marks before the final exam so you know all your marks except the final exam mark when you enter the exam room.

How should I study for the multiple choice exams? When do I write the exams?

The Mid-term exam in Feb. and the Final Exam in April will test you on the lecture material including all the posted slides. The exams are **non-cumulative** so you will not be tested in the Final Exam on the information you learned before the mid-term. The exams will **not** test you on what you or other students write online. The exam does **not** test you on the exact wording of any UN resolution.

The exams do **not** test you on the exact dates and time-lines for the Cuban missile crisis and for the North Korean crisis. But the exams do test you on other dates and what happened where and when. You are expected to memorize dates and numbers. Many students find it useful to maintain a separate list of dates and numbers to study a few days before the Mid-term and Final Exams.

As soon as the final exams are scheduled, the exam schedule will be posted on OWL. You cannot make plans to travel out of the country until the exam schedule is officially posted and you may not write the exam early.

You may not miss the Mid-term or Final Exam. There will be approximately 80 questions on each multiple choice exam. The exam’s questions range between ‘very easy’ to very challenging’. There are no written parts of the exam—it is entirely based on multiple choice questions. The professor uses Scanitron to mark the exams.

Due to unforeseen events, some students may write the make-up exams a few weeks or months later in which case they will write exams based on different multiple choice questions drawn from the Professor’s large ‘Exam Bank’ of possible multiple-choice questions.

The Professor often changes the Powerpoint slides and writes new multiple choice questions so if you would like to email possible questions for the Exam Bank, your suggestions are welcome but doing so will not increase your Participation mark worth 20%.

To summarize, the two exams test you on everything you learned from the slides, not the *Relevant Readings*. There is no textbook and the *Relevant Readings* are **not** Required Readings. The *Relevant Readings* are used by you in order to answer the questions you choose to answer for the Dropbox. Please do not read the Relevant Readings unless you would like to know more and the Slides stimulate your interest in learning more about particular issues.

Should I take notes on the lecture slides?

You should always download or print the slides and take notes on the slides. While you view the Slides, your task is to think about and question the materials, not to be a medieval scribe. While the Professor appreciates many students want to reinforce the lecture material by taking many handwritten or typewritten notes, you do not need to take many handwritten or typed notes because all the Slides are posted on OWL. It is preferable that you think about the slides’ content and participate in the Dropbox rather than take copious notes. Why get writer’s cramp? All the slides are posted so if Professor Simpson deletes or changes some slides that were already posted (under ‘Resources’), the Professor will delete the slides we did not cover (under ‘Lessons’) so you do not need to study them.

What are the regulations concerning course re-evaluation and absences?

- You are **not** allowed to re-write any exams or assignments, once they have been handed-in for marking, unless due to exceptional circumstances as assessed by the Dean's office.
- If you submit the "wrong answer" to an exam or assignment (but you think it is the right answer for a variety of reasons), you are **not** normally entitled to submit the "right version" or get credit for being 'right' somehow. You must speak to the Professor, who will decide the fairest option.

If you are an international student, your exams and your contributions to the Dropbox will be graded according to Canadian University standards.

In the event that you miss many classes or all of them, you may not have your mark 'reweighted' to cover your absences unless you have written permission from your Academic Counsellor in your Faculty. You must see your Academic Counsellor, not the Professor in order to make different arrangements regarding course re-evaluation and absences.

What are the regulations concerning non-medical and medical absences?

- Please see the student services for their updated Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness and Student Medical Certificate. If you have medical illness or other documentation, you **must** take it to the Dean's Office or an Academic Counselor in your Faculty, who will then confirm whether you can possibly be granted accommodation. Any medical absence must **be** documented as instructed by Student Services, Dean's Office or your Academic Counselor. Academic Counseling will advise the Professor about accommodation and the final decisions about due dates, re-weighting and/or transfer weighting will be made in consultation with you and your Academic Counselor, not with the Professor.
- For course **work that is worth less than 10%** (as per Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness) non-documentable absences will not be given accommodation. Various forms of allowances (allowances like not having to submit a weekly Dropbox contribution, easy-to-earn participation marks for Dropbox contributions and "freebies" during the mid-term and final exams) have already been included for incidental absences. See all the information above.

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Can I use my cell phone during the exams?

No electronic devices are permitted to be used during any exam including cellphones, personal computers, and/or electronic dictionaries as per <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/exam/crsout.pdf>

Note from <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/exam/crsout.pdf>: "Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating."

- Exam questions are composed by the Professors; multiple-choice questions are marked by university-approved multiple-choice computer-marking system ('Scanitron')

Special exams may be different in content, structure and format than the regularly scheduled exam. Specific exam formats will be announced and explained by the Professor but the exams will be multiple choice in most cases. If you miss the mid-term or final exams, for any reason, you may have to write a multiple choice combined with an essay-type of exam and your answers may be essay-style, not multiple choice. For example, if you miss the second make-up for the mid-term exam, the third-make-up exam will consist of essay-style (not multiple choice) questions. This is because the professor's large exam bank will never be large enough to pose enough multiple choice questions for so many different make-up exams.

What do I do if I have a concern about my Mid-Term or Final Exam Grade and/or Participation Grade?

- Wait two days, then see the professor during office hours, or set up an appointment via email.
- Appeals to change an exam (or essay) grade must be received during that term of instruction (*i.e.* the Course Lecturer does not handle appeals after the term ends).

What happens if there other changes to the Official Course Outline?

Due to certain circumstances and/or situations, changes to course outlines and other course documents are necessary. In such cases, you will be informed through all available channels of communication as soon as possible. The dates and topics of the lectures, simulations and exams may be changed depending on schedules, illnesses, and other unforeseen events. The dates in this course outline are included for illustrative purposes only

and may be updated on the class website as the term unfolds.

What about a reference letter?

If you need a reference, please email professors individually for more information. Professor Simpson's firm policy is **not** to write references for law school and/or graduate school based on your standing in a second-year class because such a reference – compared to a 3rd-year or 4th-year reference is not useful – and would do you a **disservice**, not a service. If you take more than two courses from Professor Simpson she may consider acting as your referee for jobs and for professional programs like internships – but keep in mind that obtaining a reference from a 3rd or 4th year instructor is preferable.

What other classes can I take if I become more interested in the general topic?

For more information about the other classes Professor Simpson teaches and the field of IR, see the faculty and personal websites available through the [Department of Political Science](#).

APPENDIX TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINES DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Prerequisite checking – it is your responsibility

"Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites."

Security and Confidentiality of Student Work

Refer to current *Western Academic Calendar* (<http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/>)^[1]_{SEP}

Submitting or Returning Student Assignments, Tests and Exams

All student assignments, tests and exams will be handled in a secure and confidential manner. Particularly in this respect, leaving student work unattended in public areas for pickup is not permitted.

Duplication of work

Undergraduate students who submit similar assignments on closely related topics in two different courses must obtain the consent of both instructors prior to the submission of the assignment. If prior approval is not obtained, each instructor reserves the right not to accept the assignment.

Grade adjustments

In order to ensure that comparable standards are applied in political science courses, the Department may require instructors to adjust final marks to conform to Departmental guidelines.

Academic Offences

"Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Submission of Course Requirements

Online course participation and exams must be submitted according to procedures specified by the course instructor. The Main Office does not accept or date-stamp any such work.

Multiple-choice tests/exams

"Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating."

Note: Information excerpted and quoted above are Senate regulations from the Handbook of Scholarship and Academic Policy. http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/academic_policies/index.html

Attendance Regulations for Examinations

A student is entitled to be examined in courses in which registration is maintained, subject to the following limitations: 1) A student may be debarred from writing the final examination for failure to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year. 2) Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course. The Dean of the Faculty offering the course will communicate that decision to the Dean of the Faculty of registration.

Medical Policy, Late Assignments, etc.

Students registered in Social Science should refer to http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/having_problems/index.html for information on Medical Policy, Term Tests, Final Examinations, Late Assignments, Short Absences, Extended Absences, Documentation and other Academic Concerns. Non-Social Science students should refer to their home faculty's academic counselling office.

UNIVERSITY POLICY ON CHEATING AND ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Plagiarism

Students must write their assignments including their participation in the online forum in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence." (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

Plagiarism Checking

"All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and [Turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) available: <http://www.turnitin.com>"

Accessibility at Western:

Please contact polisci@uwo.ca if you require any [information](#) in plain text format, or if any other accommodation can make the course material and/or physical space accessible to you.

Support Services

The Registrar's office can be accessed for [Student Support Services](#) at <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>
Student Support Services (including the services provided by the USC listed here) can be reached at:
<http://westernusc.ca/services>

[Student Development Services](#) can be reached at: <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to [Mental Health@Western](#)
<http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

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Essay course requirements

With the exception of 1000-level courses, most courses in the Department of Political Science are essay courses. Total written assignments (excluding examinations) will be at least 3,000 words in Politics 1020E, at least 5,000 words in a full course numbered 2000 or above, and at least 2,500 words in a half course numbered 2000 or above.

Use of Personal Response Systems ("Clickers")

"Personal Response Systems ("clickers") may be used in some classes. If clickers are to be used in a class, it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the device is activated and functional. Students must see their instructor if they have any concerns about whether the clicker is malfunctioning.

Students must use only their own clicker. If clicker records are used to compute a portion of the course grade:

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ESSAYS, ASSIGNMENTS, TAKE-HOME EXAMS MUST BE SUBMITTED ACCORDING TO PROCEDURES SPECIFIED BY YOUR INSTRUCTOR (I.E., IN CLASS, DURING OFFICE HOURS, TA'S OFFICE HOURS) OR UNDER THE INSTRUCTOR'S OFFICE DOOR.

THE MAIN OFFICE DOES NOT DATE-STAMP OR ACCEPT ANY OF THE ABOVE.

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PLAGIARISM*

In writing scholarly papers, you must keep firmly in mind the need to avoid plagiarism. Plagiarism is the unacknowledged borrowing of another writer's words or ideas. Different forms of writing require different types of acknowledgement. The following rules pertain to the acknowledgements necessary in academic papers.

A. In using another writer's words, you must both place the words in quotation marks and acknowledge that the words are those of another writer.

You are plagiarizing if you use a sequence of words, a sentence or a paragraph taken from other writers without acknowledging them to be theirs. Acknowledgement is indicated either by (1) mentioning the author and work from which the words are borrowed in the text of your paper; or by (2) placing a footnote number at the end of the quotation in your text, and including a correspondingly numbered footnote at the bottom of the page (or in a separate reference section at the end of your essay). This footnote should indicate author, title of the work, place and date of publication, and page number.

Method (2) given above is usually preferable for academic essays because it provides the reader with more information about your sources and leaves your text uncluttered with parenthetical and tangential references. In either case words taken from another author must be enclosed in quotation marks or set off from your text by single spacing and indentation in such a way that they cannot be mistaken for your own words. Note that you cannot avoid indicating quotation simply by changing a word or phrase in a sentence or paragraph which is not your own.

B. In adopting other writers' ideas, you must acknowledge that they are theirs.

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