

WESTERN UNIVERSITY
Department of Political Science

Political Science 2231E
International Relations
Intersession 2014

1. Course Description

This course examines contemporary global politics through a variety of approaches, events and issues. It considers academic approaches to international relations, and then bridges to understanding select issues in global politics, such as war, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, financial globalization, cultural imperialism, human rights, drug trade, and American hegemony. While states are considered as key actors, other global actors, such as the UN, non-governmental organizations or transnational organized criminals, will also be analyzed for their role and impact. As well, while surveying these broad themes and global actors, current events and issues will provide opportunities for discussions, debates and dialogue.

2. Contact Information

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3. Class Time and Location

- Time: Monday-Friday, 11:00am – 1:30pm
- Location: Social Sciences Centre, Room 2036

4. Requisites and Anti-Requisites

- “Please Note: You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites, and that you have not taken an anti-requisite 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*
- Antirequisites: Politics 2231E, Politics 231E, and International Relations 210E
- Prerequisites: Politics 1020E or permission of the Department of Political Science
- "Students are responsible for ensuring that their selection of courses is appropriate and accurately recorded, that all course prerequisites have been successfully completed, and that they are aware of any antirequisite course(s) that they have taken. If the student does not have the requisites for a course, and does not have written special permission from his or her Dean to enroll in the course, the University reserves the right to cancel the student's registration in the course. [The University may also choose not to adjust your fees, such as not providing you a refund for the course.] This decision may not be appealed." (Western University Academic Calendar)

5. Course Textbooks

You are required to purchase a **package of two texts** for this course, and both will be available from the Western Bookstore:

1. Joshua S. Goldstein, Jon C. Pevehouse, and Sandra Whitworth, *International Relations*, 3rd ed., 2013, Pearson Education Canada.
2. Richard J. Payne, *Global Issues*, 4th ed., 2013, Pearson Education Canada.

6. Evaluation

<i>Assignments</i>		<i>Value</i>
Participation	Attendance & Participation	10%
Written Assignments	Think Piece	5%
	Canadian Foreign Policy Brief	10%
	Essay Research Assignment	5%
	Essay	20%
Exams	Mid-Year Exam	20%
	Final Exam	30%
<i>Total</i>		<i>100%</i>

Notes:

- Maximum grade on any particular assignment or particular assessment or for the whole course is 100%
- Minimum grade on any particular assignment or particular assessment or for the whole course is 0%
- If you are an International Student, note that all grades are assessed using Canadian University standards

7. Learning Outcomes

<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Learning Outcomes</i>
Class Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize the importance of listening • Communicate verbally in an analytic and clear fashion • An awareness of the extent and limits of one's own knowledge, informed by exposure to information, concepts, theories and experience
Written Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational skills that contribute to scholarly and personal independence • Well-developed research skills, such as those articulated by the Political Science Research Competency Guidelines adopted by the Association of College and Research Libraries • Communicate in written format in an analytic and clear fashion • Communicate in written format in an analytic and clear fashion • Situate knowledge historically and contextually • Assess evidence critically • Ethical dimensions of problem identification and methodology
Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of diverse theories and approaches • Understanding of methods; knowledge of epistemological approaches and ontological diversity • Exposure to qualitative and quantitative methods • Communicate in written format in an analytic and clear fashion • Situate knowledge historically and contextually • Assess evidence critically • How power, culture and history condition knowledge formation • Understand the ambiguity, uncertainty, ubiquitous and controversial nature of politics

9. General Course Rules

- Check the OWL site and your UWO email regularly
 - Details and clarifications for class assignments, etc., will be posted on the OWL site
 - Grades will be posted on the OWL site
 - Emails from non-UWO accounts may not be answered)
- Conduct yourself appropriately in lectures
 - Be courteous; act responsibly; refrain from talking; avoid activities that disrupt or distract fellow students
 - You may be asked kindly to leave if you are being disruptive to the proper functioning of the class
 - You are required to conduct yourself according to the University of Western Ontario Student Code of Conduct, which can be accessed as a PDF from: <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/board/code.pdf>.
- Any Assignment assessed by the Lecturer to be in **flagrant, repeated and/or egregious violation** of the rules, guidelines, etc., may have a **special penalty assessed or assigned a grade of Zero/0**
- Assignments may be marked by TAs under my supervision
- *Assignment Late Penalty*: 3% per day, including weekends unless otherwise announced; note: the OWL site time stamps all submissions
- Extensions:
 - When you have genuine and unavoidable reasons for requesting an extension of the original or late essay deadlines, please see me **immediately and provide all relevant documentation**
 - You **MUST** provide documentation to support your request for an extension to your Dean's Office or Academic Counseling office so that they can verify/vet your documentation and let me know what accommodation should be considered
 - An **Authorization Email** will be *sent by me* to you to confirm your extension and the date for your assignment to be submitted
- Re-Evaluation: you are **not** allowed to re-write assignments once they have been handed-in for marking under normal circumstances
- Non-Medical and Medical Absences
 - Please see the Student Service website (<http://www.studentservices.uwo.ca>) for the *Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness and Student Medical Certificate*
 - Any medical absence **should be** documented using the *Student Medical Certificate* or as instructed by Student Services, Dean's Office or your Academic Counselor
 - If you have medical or other documentation, you **must** take it to the Dean's Office or Academic Counselor, who will then confirm granting you accommodation
 - Although Academic Counseling will *advise* me about accommodation, I will make the final decision about due dates, re-weighting, transfer weighting, etc., in consultation with your Academic Counselor and you
 - For work *worth less than 10%* (as per *Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness*): non-documentable absences will not be given accommodation because allowances have been already included for incidental absences
 - If I am unable to grant you fair and reasonable accommodation in my assessment, the *whole percentage weight* for that assignment may be added to the value of the exam for that term
- Conditions for Passing the Course, you must submit the Essay, but you are not required to pass it

10. Changes to Course Outline

- Due to certain circumstances and/or situations, changes to this course outline and other course documents are necessary
- In such cases, you will be informed through all available channels of communication as soon as possible

11. Course Schedule

1.	Mon May 12	Introduction to the Course
2.	Tues May 13	<i>Theories, Actors, History</i> Goldstein, Pevehouse, Whitworth, Chapter 1, "Introduction"
3.	Wed May 14	<i>Realism & Neo-Realism</i> ➤ Goldstein, Pevehouse, Whitworth, Chapter 2, "Realist Approaches"
4.	Thurs May 15	<i>Liberalism</i> ➤ Goldstein, Pevehouse, Whitworth, Chapter 3, "Liberal Approaches", 81-93
5.	Fri May 16	<i>English School & Constructivism</i> ➤ Goldstein, Pevehouse, Whitworth, Chapter 3, "Liberal Approaches", 93-96 <i>American Hegemony and its Challengers</i> ➤ Payne, Chapter 2, "The Struggle for Primacy in Global Society" Due: Think Piece via OWL site
6.	Mon May 19	<i>Holiday Monday</i>
7.	Tues May 20	<i>Marxisms</i> ➤ Goldstein, Pevehouse, Whitworth, Chapter 4, "Critical Approaches", 107- 113
8.	Wed May 21	<i>Feminism,</i> ➤ Goldstein, Pevehouse, Whitworth, Chapter 4, "Critical Approaches", 113-26
9.	Thurs May 22	<i>Postmoderism & Postcolonialism</i> ➤ Goldstein, Pevehouse, Whitworth, Chapter 4, "Critical Approaches", 126-131
10.	Fri May 23	<i>Cultures and Conflict</i> ➤ Payne, Chapter 14, "Cultural Clashes and Conflict Resolution" Due: Canadian Foreign Policy Brief via OWL
11.	Mon May 26	<i>International Conflict</i> ➤ Goldstein, Pevehouse, Whitworth, Chapter 6, "International Conflict"
12.	Tues May 27	<i>Foreign Policy</i> ➤ Goldstein, Pevehouse, Whitworth, Chapter 5, "Foreign Policy"
13.	Wed May 28	<i>Force, Weapons & Militaries</i> ➤ Goldstein, Pevehouse, Whitworth, Chapter 7, "Militaries and the Use of Force"
14.	Thurs May 29	<i>Weapons Proliferation</i> ➤ Payne, Chapter 6, "Weapons Proliferation"
15.	Fri May 30	<i>Global Terrorism</i> ➤ Payne, Chapter 5, "Global Terrorism" <i>Exam Review</i>
16.	Mon June 2	MID-YEAR EXAM

17.	Tues June 3	<i>International Organizations</i> ➤ Goldstein, Pevehouse, Whitworth, Chapter 8, "International Organizations"
18.	Wed June 4	<i>Global Democratization</i> ➤ Payne, Chapter 7, "Promoting Democracy"
19.	Thurs June 5	<i>International Law</i> ➤ Goldstein, Pevehouse, Whitworth, Chapter 9, "International Law", 282-303
20.	Fri June 6	<i>Human Rights</i> ➤ Payne, Chapter 3, "Human Rights" Due: Essay Research Assignment via OWL site
21.	Mon June 9	<i>Globalization</i> ➤ Payne, Chapter 1, "Global Issues: Challenges of Globalization"
22.	Tues June 10	<i>International Trade</i> ➤ Goldstein, Pevehouse, Whitworth, Chapter 10, "International Trade" ➤ Payne, Chapter 8, "Global Trade"
23.	Wed June 11	<i>International Finance</i> ➤ Goldstein, Pevehouse, Whitworth, Chapter 11, "Money and Business"
24.	Thurs June 12	<i>International Development</i> ➤ Goldstein, Pevehouse, Whitworth, Chapter 13, "International Development"
25.	Fri June 13	<i>Global Inequality and Poverty</i> ➤ Payne, Chapter 9, "Global Inequality and Poverty"
26.	Mon June 16	<i>Global Financial Crisis</i> ➤ Payne, Chapter 7, "Global Inequality and Poverty" Due: Essay via OWL site
27.	Tues June 17	<i>Transnational Organized Crime</i> ➤ Payne, Chapter 7, "Global Crime"
28.	Wed June 18	<i>Global Environmental Issues</i> ➤ Payne, Chapter 12, "Environmental Issues"
29.	Thurs June 19	<i>Global Demographic Patterns</i> ➤ Payne, Chapter 11, "Population and Migration"
30.	Fri June 20	<i>Global Pandemics</i> ➤ Payne, Chapter 13, "The Globalization of Disease"

*Enjoy the class and
have a great summer!*

**APPENDIX TO UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINES
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Prerequisite checking - the student's 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."

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:

- the use of somebody else's clicker in class constitutes a scholastic offence,
- the possession of a clicker belonging to another student will be interpreted as an attempt to commit a scholastic offence."

Security and Confidentiality of Student Work (refer to current *Western Academic Calendar* (<http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/>))

"**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/handbook/appeals/scholoff.pdf>."

Submission of Course Requirements

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.

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

Students registered in Social Science should refer to <http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/> <http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/havingproblems.asp> 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.

Plagiarism

"Plagiarism: Students must write their essays and assignments 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>)."

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."

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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.

You are plagiarizing if you adopt, summarize, or paraphrase other writers' trains of argument, ideas or sequences of ideas without acknowledging their authorship according to the method of acknowledgement given in 'A' above. Since the words are your own, they need not be enclosed in quotation marks. Be certain, however, that the words you use are entirely your own; where you must use words or phrases from your source, these should be enclosed in quotation marks, as in 'A' above.

Clearly, it is possible for you to formulate arguments or ideas independently of another writer who has expounded the same ideas, and whom you have not read. Where you got your ideas is the important consideration here. Do not be afraid to present an argument or idea without acknowledgement to another writer, if you have arrived at it entirely independently. Acknowledge it if you have derived it from a source outside your own thinking on the subject.

In short, use of acknowledgements and, when necessary, quotation marks is necessary to distinguish clearly between what is yours and what is not. Since the rules have been explained to you, if you fail to make this distinction your instructor very likely will do so for you, and they will be forced to regard your omission as intentional literary theft. Plagiarism is a serious offence which may result in a student's receiving an 'F' in a course or, in extreme cases in their suspension from the University.

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Accessibility at Western: Please contact poliscie@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.

Mental Health at Western: If you or someone you know is experiencing distress, there are several resources here at Western to assist you. Please visit <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for more information on these resources and on mental health.