

Political Science 3365- Advanced Topics Global Political Economyⁱ

Course Title:	Advanced Topics in Global Political Economy
Location:	online

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Course Weeks	TUESDAY The course week will be Tuesday at 12:01am to 11:55PM on Mondays. All weekly content will be due Monday AT 11:55PM.

Prerequisite(s):

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.

Recommended complimentary courses: POLS 2257: Global Political Economy, POLS 4418: The Politics of International Trade Law and Negotiation.

Anti-requisites: POLS 3357

Introduction:

This course will help you critically assess the political perspectives on contemporary issues in global political economy. This course will help you explore the central debates between developed and developing countries as well as key issues, debates and topics. We will address a range of issues in global political economy including aid, trade, corporations, investment, food production and agricultural trade agreements. Drawing on this global political economy framework, this course will explore both theories and issues between developed and developing countries in the contemporary world. Students will be given the option to complete Community Service Learning (CSL) placement or projects that will allow these issues to be brought to life to the student, while making an important contribution to a community organization in the London area.

Learning Objectives:

Through this course all students will have the opportunity to:

- Identify the implicit assumptions and ideas of key global political-economic theories
- Evaluate a specific debate between developed and developing countries
- Acquire a historical context of contemporary mechanisms of the global political economy

- Identify a specific political-economic issue and apply a critical framework to assess likely outcomes

Course Materials

Recommended Texts: Available online or from the UWO library.

Methods of Evaluation

Weekly Participation 20%	
Debate 15% - Weeks 2-11 Mandatory Signup by Jan 26	Essay 40% - Due March 22, 2021
Exam 25% - During Exam Period	

Weekly Participation – 20%

Participation is based on a level system (70/80/90) and overall analysis of the submitted work at the end of the course. Each week (**Tuesday 12:01am-Monday at 11:59pm**) students will submit their responses for participation. A total of 10 weeks will be required, with students to choose the 10 weeks to answer (easiest may be to omit weeks 1 and 12). Each submission results in a simple tier grade (1 submission=minimum 70%; 2 submissions=minimum 80%, 3 submission=minimum 90%). They must be submitted each week, but will not be graded individually, just checked for appropriate content and length. At the end of the course, students will submit a single page summary of their total submissions for each week and justify any grade higher than the base grade (i.e. I submitted 2 participation assignments each week, they dealt with themes X, Y and Z, therefore I believe they are worth 86%). Students have different ways to participate each week.

1. Written 250-word response that engages with one or all of the ideas and concepts from the week. It can engage with concepts from the lecture, ideas in the readings or a combination of all. It is NOT a summary; it is a reflective analysis of the ideas and how they link to current debates in political economy. Proper essay paragraph structure is required, as is proper footnoting and citation (see below for formatting instructions).
2. A very short video response to a lecture theme, video topic or reading (tiktok style). They should summarize a key academic issue relating to political economy and the week's readings, be presentable to a wide audience and engage with content and ideas from the course. They do not need to be posted publicly; they must be uploaded into OWL each week.
3. A relevant post on the Facebook group or in the forums or in the VoiceThread (in the left hand nav bar in OWL), with a summary of its relevance to political economy, neoliberalism or contemporary debates about politics and economics.
4. Attendance in the weekly zoom meeting discussions on Tuesday and Wednesday.
5. A short summary of your participation in the Zoom synchronous discussions for the week, or relevant post in the OWL forums.
6. A short summary of an event on campus or online (such as a speaker, discussion or events) that is relevant to political economy.
7. Answering the weekly quiz questions in OWL.

Each week students will post their summary/assignments in the OWL assignment tab to receive a participation grade. PLEASE AVOID ATTCHMENTS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE (SUBMIT INLINE) AS IT SLOWS DOWN MARKING. See examples below:

Assignment Instructions

Assignment Submission

Below is the submission from a student. You

1. Attended Tuesday Zoom Call

2. FB Discussion Post

3. Tiktok

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Submitted Attachments

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Grade: (max 100.00)

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3. 250 Word response

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Submitted Attachments

Grade: (max 100.00)

Debate: 15% of final grade

Students must sign up for a presentation by January 26nd or they forfeit their grade.

In teams of two ONLY, students should one of the chapters from the textbooks on neoliberalism. The debate should outline the key issues and points of contention and present 2 alternative framings of the issue coherently and convincingly to the class. Each pair should try to convey the perspective of the two sides as well as the actual outcome. MAXIMUM 5 MINUTES.

The presentation should highlight:

1. The distinct developed countries and developing countries' actors involved
2. Relevant context (or history) related to the issue
3. Arguments put forward from the developed and developing countries' sides
4. Evidence in support of each side
5. Likely outcome and impact on the global political economy

Only one group presentation will be allowed in-class per week. The remaining students will need to upload their presentation in an accessible and clear format (such as a powtoon, youtube or vimeo video) for each week they sign up. Students must present on the week they sign up or else they forfeit their grade. Students are encouraged to think creatively about how they will present the debate and presentations may take alternative formats as long as they accomplish the requirements outlined above. In order to receive an individual mark student must upload into owl a short (200 word) summary of their role in the debate preparation and execution, assessing their groups' strengths and weaknesses.

Essay: 40% of final grade, due March 22, 2021 in OWL under 'assignments'.

Length: 3,000 words, typed and double spaced. Pages should be numbered, and the type font should be no smaller than 12 characters per inch (e.g. Arial 12). Drafts may be reviewed by the instructor up to March 13, 2020. After that date, no drafts will be reviewed.

Topics: Students choose their own essay topics, but such choices must be approved by the instructor either in-person or over e-mail. If you are thinking of pursuing further IPE studies, try to choose a topic that is unique that will differentiate yourself from others. The essay topics should deal with some aspect of global political economy, a specific issue or agreement (either historical or ongoing) and a clear perspective in the essay on why the topic matters given class discussion. The essay must have, as part of its introductory paragraph, a statement of its thesis (central argument) and a clear overview of the issues to be discussed in the paper.

The Department's rules regarding plagiarism and the submission of similar essays to two or more different instructors are appended to this course outline and should be noted. (See 'Criteria for Evaluation of Written Assignments' below).

Final Exam: 25% of final course grade. To be held during the scheduled exam period.

The final exam will be cumulative (i.e., will be based on the material covered in lectures, assigned readings, and discussions throughout the whole of the course). The exam may include both a short answer/identification component and questions requiring longer, essay-style responses. Choice of answers and an exam preparation guide may be given.

Zoom Etiquette

1. Please pay attention to video, microphone and screensharing settings. Keep chat rooms and images appropriate for an academic setting. Any inappropriate actions, imagery, discussion or chat messages may result in your removal from the meeting at my discretion. Audio recordings may be available as an alternative to synchronous discussion.
2. Please test all WIFI, video and audio before the meetings. Zoom buttons for raising your hand, responding yes and no, asking host to adjust speed, requesting a break and more.
3. Please be conscious of your speaking time and that of others, if you are continuing in a manner that is not fair to your peers, I reserve the right to intervene and put us back on a more focused discussion.

Recording synchronous content (office hours or other meetings)

All of the remote learning sessions for this course **may** be recorded. The data captured during these recordings may include your image, voice recordings, chat logs and personal identifiers (name displayed on the screen). The recordings may be used for educational purposes related to this course, including evaluations. The recordings may be disclosed to other individuals participating in the course for their private or group study purposes. Please contact the instructor if you have any concerns related to session recordings. Participants in this course are not permitted to record the sessions, except where recording is an approved accommodation, or the participant has the prior written permission of the instructor.

Meeting the Requirements of the Assignment: All written work must be submitted on time, must be of the appropriate length, must use the required number and type of resources, and, most importantly, must address the issues or questions posed in the assignment.

Non-medical and medical accommodation

Non-medical absences from class, late essays or assignments, will be subject to a 10% penalty per day (weekends included). All assignments must be completed to receive course credit. Further information is found in the Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness (<https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>).

Accommodation for medical illness of work worth less than 10% of the total course grade will require medical documentation. If documentation is required for either medical or non-medical academic accommodation, then such documentation must be submitted directly to the appropriate Faculty Dean's office and not to the instructor. Only the Dean's office can determine if accommodation is warranted.

Statement on Use of Electronic Devices

Electronic devices will not be allowed during tests and examinations.

Statement on 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/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf .

“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>).”

Guidelines for Success in Class

Since there seldom are definitive answers to the questions we will be asking about global political economy, and much of what you will learn in this course will be enhanced by the ideas and perspectives of your colleagues. But for this to work, everyone must participate fully and constructively. Be mindful of the following points, and you will be successful:

- Come to all classes having read the assigned readings for that week and prepared to participate in discussion. It is useful to remember that some week's readings may be more relevant to your research interests than others, and focusing on readings that are most salient to your interests will ensure maximum usefulness in the course.
- Participate in discussions, but do not over-participate. Everyone must be given an opportunity to take part in discussions. Constructive participation involves the raising of *relevant* points and ideas. Online participation will be considered as well in participation marks.

- Demonstrate respect for the ideas presented by others at all times. This is essential to open discussion and the free exchange of ideas. This does not mean that you must agree with others. Informal debate will teach you even more about your own position while simultaneously exposing you to different viewpoints. Make use of such opportunities, but no disrespectful behavior will be tolerated.
- Raise questions when you have them. Raising useful questions counts as participation. You can use minute papers, online forums, e-mail, facebook or in class lecture to raise questions you encounter throughout the course. Uncertainties are usually shared by others – when you raise your questions in class everyone learns while you build your own participation grade.

Criteria for Evaluation of Written Assignments

These criteria will be used in evaluation of written work and possibly in combination with the checklist below. Please be sure to read them carefully:

Formatting

All work should be double spaced using 12 point font (even on policy briefs). Page numbers should always be included. Never use bullet points anywhere – they condense ideas when I need to see the logic and academic argumentation that underpin your claims.

Quotations

Quotations longer than 4 lines should be indented. Try to avoid quotations longer than 4 lines. Assume that I do not read an indented 4line quotation and make sure the sentence immediately following the quotation summarizes its significance to your argument in your own words. Never include quotations or sources in your introduction or conclusion, your introduction and conclusion should outline the paper structure in your own words.

Citations and Bibliography

We will use the author date system. It keeps footnotes and endnotes to a minimum.

- Text references will be short with the Surname, Date and page number (i.e. Žižek 2002: 342).
- Use this formatting everywhere, including sources from our reading list and in the response papers and any written work.
- Works by the same author in the same year should be cited as Žižek 2002a, Žižek2002b, etc.
- Et al. can be used by sources with three or more authors. The full list must be in the bibliography.
- If you have more than one source in the same sentence you just include them with a semi-colon in chronological order i.e (Žižek 2002: 345; D'Amelio 2018: 212; Swift 2020: 445)

Bibliography

A bibliography must be included in all written work, it should include the complete details of the work and included an 'Accessed' date if it is an online source.

Sample bibliography

Bastos, Marco T., and Dan Mercea. "The Brexit botnet and user-generated hyperpartisan news." *Social Science Computer Review* 37.1 (2019): 38-54.

Dobber, T., R. F. Fahy, and FJ Zuiderveen Borgesius. "The regulation of online political micro-targeting in Europe." *Internet Policy Review* 8.4 (2019): 4.

Griener, William. "How the swindlers of Silicon Valley avoid paying taxes." *The Nation*, October 17,

2017, <https://www.thenation.com/article/how-the-swindlers-of-silicon-valley-avoid-paying-taxes/>. Accessed August 1, 2020.

Gill, Stephen. "Transnational class formations, European crisis and the silent revolution." *Critical Sociology* 43.4-5 (2017): 641.

Analytical Content: Higher grades will be given to work that demonstrates the ability to interpret, critically assess and develop insights of the material. To determine whether or not your argument is analytical, ask yourself "Am I demonstrating to the reader my insights in an academic way?" If you are simply summarizing or describing in detail phenomena, your work is unlikely to have high analytical content.

Helpful signs you are not developing analytical content: Excessive quotes; beginning or ending a paragraph with a quote; short (fewer than 4 sentences) paragraphs; no sources in a long paragraph; lack of similar argument in introduction and conclusion.

Development of an Argument: Higher grades will be given to work that has a clearly stated argument and a set of logically developed and reasonably comprehensive points in support of that argument. Academic arguments need not be personal (though in certain instances they can be – check with the instructor), rather they demonstrate the logical progression of the position you are developing. The key here is to attempt to convince your reader of the soundness or feasibility of your argument. Nuanced arguments recognize obvious criticisms and seek to address them logically. Consistency of an argument throughout a paper is important.

Helpful signs your argument may be in trouble: Using the same author or quote more than a few times in successive paragraphs; your introduction and conclusion are not similar; you introduce material in the introduction and the conclusion that cannot be found elsewhere; you have quotes in your conclusion; your attempt to address obvious criticisms contradicts your thesis, you adopt multiple theoretical frameworks; you cannot find any sources that agree with your central claims.

Grammar, Spelling, and Style: Higher grades will be given to written work that is grammatically correct and is clearly and accurately written, while lower grades will be given to work that is difficult to read or understand due to excessive grammatical and/or spelling errors.

While different approaches work for different people, it is recommended that you try the following every time you have a written assignment: after completing your assignment, put it away for a while (ideally, for a few days); when you pick it up again, read it carefully, slowly, and aloud (when we are familiar with a paper we tend to skim it during proof-reading, thereby missing errors – so make sure you are reading it word for word). Mistakes in grammar may not always look wrong, but they usually sound wrong. If you need some help with writing style or grammar, there are many resources available on campus.

Meeting the Requirements of the Assignment: All written work must be submitted on time, must be of the appropriate length, must use the required number and type of resources, and, most importantly, must address the issues or questions posed in the assignment.

Important Notices

General

All students must complete all course requirements. Failure to do so (e.g., by not handing-in an assignment or by missing an examination without due cause) will subject the student to the appropriate University regulations. Students must also keep a duplicate copy of their assignments.

Late Assignments - Formal Guidelines

Late papers will be accepted but will be subject to a late penalty of 10 per cent per day to a maximum of 5 days, after which they will not be accepted and a mark of 0 will be recorded. In the interest of fairness to all students, there will be no exceptions to this unless you have arranged in advance for an extension. All extensions must be arranged in advance of the day on which a paper is due. **Papers submitted after deadlines (including excused late papers) will be marked, but comments will not be provided.**

Examinations

The final course examinations will be held during the regular examination periods. No substitute examinations will be given; therefore, students should not make their travel plans until they know their examination schedules.

3365 SEMINAR TOPICS AND READINGS

Note: The schedule below is subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances or by mutual agreement between the instructor and the students.

(1) Week 1 January 8, 2020— Overview and Introduction

Readings: **Course Text:** Introduction

(2) Week 2 – Neoliberalism in the Global Political Economy

Hour 1: Developed Mirowski, Philip. "Defining neoliberalism." <i>The road from Mont Pèlerin: The making of the neoliberal thought collective</i> (2009): 417-450.
Hour 2: Developing https://www.piie.com/commentary/speeches-papers/did-washington-consensus-fail Gereffi, Gary. "Global value chains in a post-Washington Consensus world." <i>Review of international political economy</i> 21.1 (2014): 9-37.
Case: Who should control 5G?
Debate topic: To what extent do we mean neoliberalism when we say capitalism?

(3) Week 3 – Dominant and Critical Approaches to GPE

Course Text: Chapter 3
Hour 1: Developing Cohn, Theodore H. <i>Global political economy: Theory and practice</i> . Routledge, 2016. Chapter 4 'The Liberal Perspective' 77-102. Helleiner, Eric. "The life and times of embedded liberalism: legacies and innovations since Bretton Woods." <i>Review of International Political Economy</i> (2019): 1-24.
Hour 2: Developed Ling, L. H. M. "Global passions within global interests: Race, gender, and culture in our postcolonial order." <i>Global political economy: Contemporary theories</i> (2000): 242-55. Chapter 16 Better Watts, Michael J. "Righteous oil? Human rights, the oil complex, and corporate social responsibility." <i>Annu. Rev. Environ. Resour.</i> 30 (2005): 373-407.
Case: Is lithium sustainable?

Debate topic: What are the emotions of liberalism?

(4) Week 4 – Consumerism in the Global Political Economy

Background: **Course Text:** Chapter 1.

Hour 1: Developed

Fraser, Nancy. "The end of progressive neoliberalism." *Dissent* 2 (2017).

Sanders, Bernie. "An agenda to fight inequality." *The Lancet* 389.10077 (2017): 1376-1377.

Murphy, Ryan. "The Rationality of Literal Tide Pod Consumption." (2018).

Hour 2: Developing

Cano, Marta Blazquez, Stephen Doyle, and Yiyuan Zhang. "Do Fashion Blogs Influence Vintage Fashion Consumption? An Analysis from the Perspective of the Chinese Market." *Vintage Luxury Fashion*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham, 2018. 167-183.

Shen, Bin. "Sustainable fashion supply chain: Lessons from H&M." *Sustainability* 6.9 (2014): 6236-6249.

Case: [Children as Consumers](#) – Pinkification

Debate topic: Are global gender products a new form of imperialism?

(5) Week 5 – Mercantilism, Industrialism and Finance

Course Text: Chapter 3

Hour 1: Developing

Anderson, Elizabeth. *Private government: How employers rule our lives (and why we don't talk about it)*. Vol. 44. Princeton University Press, 2019. Ch 1

Hour 2: Developed

Anderson, Elizabeth. *Private government: How employers rule our lives (and why we don't talk about it)*. Vol. 44. Princeton University Press, 2019. Ch 2

Case: Are the Green Bay Packers Socialist?

Debate topic: Should corporations be the site of struggle for gender equity?

(6) Week 6 – States and Markets

Course Text: Chapter 4

Hour 1: Developed

Course Text: Introduction to Part 2

Strange, Susan. *States and markets*. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2015. Ch 8. Trade.

Hour 2: Developing

True, Jacqui. *The political economy of violence against women*. Oxford University Press, 2012. Ch 1.

For discussion: Comaroff, Jean, and John L. Comaroff. "Occult economies and the violence of abstraction: notes from the South African postcolony." *American ethnologist* 26.2 (1999): 279-303.

Case: [Global Femicide](#)

Debate topic: Is toxic masculinity reinforced by the nation state?

(7) Week 7 – Gender, Migration and Reproduction

Course Text: Chapter 5

Hour 1: Developed

Jennings, Kathleen M. "Unintended consequences of intimacy: political economies of peacekeeping and sex tourism." *International Peacekeeping* 17.2 (2010): 229-243.

Uteng, Tanu Priya, and Tim Cresswell. "Gendered mobilities: towards an holistic understanding." *Gendered mobilities*. Routledge, 2016. 15-26.

<p>Hour 2: Developing</p> <p>LeBaron, Genevieve. "25. Women and unfree labour in the global political economy." Handbook on the International Political Economy of Gender (2018): 353.</p> <p>Kofman, Eleonore, and Parvati Raghuram. Gendered migrations and global social reproduction. Springer, 2015. Ch 4.</p> <p>Kempadoo, Kamala. "Prostitution and Sex Work Studies." in Essed, Philomena, David Theo Goldberg, and Audrey Kobayashi, eds. A companion to gender studies. John Wiley & Sons, 2009. or O'Connell Davidson, Julia. "Let's go outside: bodies, prostitutes, slaves and worker citizens." Citizenship Studies 18.5 (2014): 516-532.</p>
Case: Politics of Slums
Debate: The state should have a central role in fertility management?

(8) Week 8 – Hunger, Poverty and Development

Course Text: Chapter 6
<p>Hour 1: Developed</p> <p>Scott-Smith, Tom. "Humanitarian neophilia: the 'innovation turn' and its implications." Third World Quarterly 37.12 (2016): 2229-2251.</p> <p>Nel-lo, Oriol, and Renata Mele, eds. Cities in the 21st Century. Routledge, 2016. Chapter 2.</p>
<p>Hour2: Developing</p> <p>Kothari, Uma, ed. A radical history of development studies: Individuals, institutions and ideologies. Zed Books Ltd., 2016. Ch 1.</p> <p>Emma Mawdsley (2012) From Recipients to Donors: Emerging Powers and the Changing Development Landscape. London: Zed Books, Chapter 1.</p>
Case: Privatization of aid
Debate: Does prohibition in a market-based system creates new informal markets?

(9) Week 9 - MMT, COVID-19, and the Green New Deal

<p>Hour 1: Developed</p> <p>https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2019-03-21/modern-monetary-theory-beginner-s-guide</p> <p>Coats, Warren. "Modern Monetary Theory: A Critique." Cato J. 39 (2019): 563.</p> <p>https://www.advisor.ca/investments/modern-monetary-theory-and-pandemic-debt/</p>
<p>Hour 2: Developing</p> <p>Bailey, Dan. "Re-thinking the fiscal and monetary political economy of the green state." New political economy (2018): 1-13.</p> <p>Runyan, Anne Sisson. "Disposable waste, lands and bodies under Canada's gendered nuclear colonialism." International Feminist Journal of Politics 20.1 (2018): 24-38.</p>
Case: How much money can a government print?

(10) Week 10 – Health and disease

Course Text: Ch 8
<p>Hour 1: Developed</p> <p>Evans, Robert G. "A New Paradigm for Health Economics? We Have Three Already!." Nordic Journal of Health Economics 1.1 (2012).</p>
<p>Hour 2: Developing</p> <p>Swinburn, Boyd, et al. "Strengthening of accountability systems to create healthy food environments and reduce global obesity." The Lancet 385.9986 (2015): 2534-2545.</p>

Case: [Tobacco](#)

(11) Week 11 Innovation and Intellectual Property

Hour 1: Developed

Böhme, Rainer, et al. "Bitcoin: Economics, technology, and governance." *The Journal of Economic Perspectives* 29.2 (2015): 213-238.

Dyer-Witheford, Nick. *Cyber-proletariat: Global labour in the digital vortex. Between the Lines*, 2015. Ch 1.

Hour 2: Developing

McGowan, Michael J. "The rise of computerized high frequency trading: use and controversy." *Duke L. & Tech. Rev.* (2010)

Clapp, Jennifer, and Eric Helleiner. "Troubled futures? The global food crisis and the politics of agricultural derivatives regulation." *Review of International Political Economy* 19.2 (2012): 181-207.

Case: [Blockchain](#)

Debate: Are crypto currencies inherently speculative?

**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.

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