

Department: Social Sciences

Course Code & Name:	POL 240, Section 11, Concepts of World Politics
Class Time and Location	MWF 1:00–1:50 pm; AKSOB 1006
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Credits Hours	3
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CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION

This course offers an introduction to the study of International Relations through discussion and analysis of: the growing relationship between conflict, security and development, the sources of foreign policy and international conflict, the political economy of national security, international organizations, global governance, and the gap between North and South, among other topics

PRE- OR CO-REQUISITE

COURSE TYPE

Required Major's Elective General Elective

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the completion of this course, the student will able to:

- Describe and critique key theories and concepts in world politics/international relations;
- State critiques, questions and comparisons on issues relating to world politics/international relations theory orally and in short writing assignments;
- Be able to debate in the class setting topics of interest in international relations drawing on IR literature and real world and/or current affairs;
- Produce a research assignment on a topic related to the content of the course.

TEXTBOOK

- 1) Mingst, Karen and Agguerin-Toft, Ivan. *Essentials of International Relations*. 7th EDITION. New York: W. W. Norton & Company.
- 2) Additional readings located on the course BLACKBOARD



TOPICS COVERED IN THE COURSE

<i>Week</i>	<i>Lecture / activity</i>	<i>Textbook Chap.</i>
August 28	Distribution of Syllabus, Discussion of Course Requirements, Usage of BB and BB Discussion Boards	NA
August 30 – Sep 6	The study of World Politics (or International Relations)	Mingst, Ch. 1
Sep 9-Sep 13	Role of History in International Relations	Mingst, Ch. 2
Sep 16 – Sep 20	Main theoretical approaches to the study of international relations introduced Sep 20 Deadline for first BB Discussion Thread	Mingst, Ch. 3
Sep 23-Sep Oct 4	The International System Level Friday, Sep. 27, Deadline for second BB Discussion Thread	Mingst, Ch. 4
Oct 7 – Oct 14	The State Level Oct. 4 Title of Book Review and abstract are due Oct. 4 @ 5:00 pm (electronically)	Mingst, Ch. 5
Wednesday Oct 16	MIDTERM EXAM In class (covering Mingst chapters 1 – 5 & Snyder)	
Nov 4 – Nov 8	The Individual level of Analysis	Mingst, Chapter 6
Nov 15 – Nov 16	IGOs, INGOs, International law Nov 16 is a teaching day to replace a missed Monday	Mingst, chapter 7
Nov 18 – Nov 20	IGOs, INGOs, International law <i>continued</i>	Mingst, Chapter 7
Nov 22	Holiday Lebanon Independence Day	
Nov 25- Nov 30	War and International Conflict Nov. 30 is a teaching day to replace a Wednesday	Mingst, Ch. 8
Dec 2 – Dec 6	International Political Economy	Mingst, Ch. 9
Dec 9 – Dec 14	Human Rights in International Relations Saturday, December 14 is a teaching day to replace a lost Friday	Mingst, Ch. 10

TEACHING/LEARNING METHOD

- Lectures, Class Exercises, Blackboard Discussion Threads, Paper

REFERENCES

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COURSE GRADING AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Midterm	35%
Book Review	20%



Final Exam	40%
Class participation	05%

Format of Midterm and Final Exam:

Both the Midterm and the Final Exam shall consist of short definitions and essay questions. Sample exams will be distributed in class and posted on BB ahead of each of the midterm and final exams.

Information on Book Reviews:

In your Book Review you must:

- Clearly and concisely state the main arguments presented in the book. (You may present a summary of the book; but the summary should focus on the arguments made)
- Comment on the quality of evidence that the author presents in support of the arguments she (he) makes.
- Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the book's main arguments.
- Assess the book's contribution to our knowledge of a particular subject that pertains to international relations

Grade Guidelines:

Grade	Quality Points	Guidelines over 100
A	4	≥ 90
A-	3.67	87 – 89
B+	3.33	83 – 86
B	3.0	80 – 82
B-	2.67	77 – 79
C+	2.33	73 – 76
C	2	70 – 72
C-	1.67	67 – 69
D+	1.33	63 – 66
D	1	60 – 62
F	0	≤ 59
P	No quality Points	
NP	No quality Points	
U	No quality Points	
W	No quality Points	

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT - ACADEMIC VIOLATIONS

The following table defines the sanction(s) associated with each violation. In some cases and when the violation is too general, a range of sanctions is set for the pertinent committee to choose from depending on the specifics of each case. As for the second offense, the set sanctions apply regardless whether the violation has taken place in the same course or a different one, within the same semester or not.



Code #	Violation	First Offense	Second Offense
Cheating			
2.2.1	Using material or equipment (including mobile phones, electronic tablets, i-pads, calculators, and other devices) that is not authorized by the instructor in an examination, project, or graded assignment	zero on the deliverable with a warning	F on the course with a warning
2.2.2	Cheating, copying, collaborating with or aiding another Student in a manner not permitted by the instructor on an examination, project, or other graded assignment	zero on the deliverable with a warning	suspension
2.2.3	Distributing or aiding in the distribution of previous exams without authorization of the instructor	double warning – suspension	suspension – expulsion
2.2.4	Stealing, reproducing, or circulating an examination or other graded assignment before it has been administered	suspension	expulsion
2.2.5	Impersonating another Student or allowing another Student to impersonate one’s self during an examination, presentation, or other graded assignment	suspension for both	expulsion
2.2.6	Impersonating an assistant, staff member, or faculty member for the purpose of (a) proctoring examinations without authorization or permission or (b) obtaining confidential information regarding coursework or examinations	suspension – expulsion	expulsion
2.2.7	Receiving, purchasing or selling a project, paper, or any academic document and presenting it as work other than that of the author	suspension – expulsion	expulsion
2.2.8	Submitting identical papers or coursework for credit in more than one class without the permission of the instructor	zero on the deliverable with a warning	F on the course with a warning
Plagiarism and Copyright Violations			
2.2.9	Failing to attribute language or ideas to their original source by not crediting the original author with an appropriate acknowledgement or citation	zero on the deliverable with a warning	F on the course with a warning
2.2.10	Using photocopied or electronic copies of textbooks, compact disks, films, music, online course materials, and other content beyond the fair use policy within University Premises	warning	double warning
2.2.11	Using copyrighted materials, including in written research reports and papers, without obtaining required permission, if any, from the rights holder	warning	double warning
Unauthorized Sale, Distribution, or Use of Course Materials			
2.2.12	Recording any lecture or presentation for personal use or public distribution without the prior consent of the course instructor. This applies to the unauthorized use of any medium including but not limited to mobile phones, electronic tablets, i-pads recorders, films, and other devices	warning	double warning
2.2.13	Selling academic materials by any Student, club, or group. This includes but is not limited to lectures, course recordings, class notes, and previous exams	warning	double warning

UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. Students are expected to attend all classes.
2. For valid reasons, students may miss classes for a maximum that is equivalent to two regular weeks.



3. When exceeding the maximum number of absences, it is the instructor's prerogative to ask the concerned student to stop attending and drop the course. In this case, it is the student's responsibility to drop the course, otherwise a grade of "F" or "NP" will be given.
4. In exceptional justified cases (long illness, etc...), where absences exceed the maximum, the student has to petition to the department Chair to be allowed to stay in the course.
5. Students are held responsible for all the material presented in the classroom, even during their absence.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

WI is equivalent to Early Withdrawal

WP is equivalent to Withdrawal/Pass

WF is equivalent to Withdrawal/Fail

1. A student who withdraws after the Drop/Add period and by the end of the 5th week of classes (10th day of classes for Summer Modules) will obtain a "WI" on that particular course.

The student may process such request directly through the Registrar's Office.

2. A student who withdraws from a course between the 6th week and the end of the 10th week of classes (18th day of classes for Summer Modules) will receive either a "WP" or a "WF". "WP" or "WF" will be determined by the instructor based on the achieved academic performance in that course till the time of withdrawal.

3. The "WI" and the "WP" will not count as a Repeat; whereas the "WF" will count as a Repeat.

4. "WI", "WP" and "WF" will not count towards the GPA calculation.

Deadline for the "WP" and "WF" withdrawal from courses: check university calendar (It is the student's responsibility to drop the course)

COURSE ONLINE EVALUATIONS

Completion of the online course evaluations is important for feedback and improvement. Students are highly encouraged to complete the course evaluations at the end of the semester.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Do the readings before class. Engage in class discussions based on readings. Be respectful of the opinions and views of others.

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

Important Note:

In order to improve the effectiveness of the educational process, all students are expected to submit their course evaluations by the last day of classes.

Students who fail to complete the evaluation of ALL registered courses by the set deadline:

1. will not be able to access their course grades from Banner or Portal until two weeks after the end of the final exams period; and
2. will not be able to request transcripts.

The anonymity of the process and the students will be maintained at all times.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COURSE OUTCOMES AND PROGRAM OUTCOMES