
WORLD POLITICS in Fall 2020 (PO2031A)

Course Code	PO2031A	Professor(s)	Hall Gardner
Prerequisites	None	Office Number	G-L16
Class Schedule	M: 16:20-17:55 in C-104 M: 16:20-17:55 in RMOTE-00 R: 10:50-12:25 in PL-3 R: 10:50-12:25 in RMOTE-00	Office Hours	By appointment by AUP email
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Semester	Fall 2020	Office Tel. Ext.	691

Course Description

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This one semester course provides an overview of contemporary international relations. It examines the fundamental concepts of world politics and combines theoretical and historical perspectives to analyze major trends and issues. Special attention is given to processes of globalization and fragmentation that challenge the traditional order of politics in and among states. Discussions of the new global challenges cover classical questions of foreign policy and “harder” international security issues, such as strategy and alliances, war and peace, nuclear proliferation, transnational terrorism, as well as so-called “softer” topics like international law and institutions, human rights and human security, environmental problems, non-state actors, development, poverty and global financial crisis.

Course Learning Outcomes

- To improve the understanding of world politics.
- To explore the origins and causes of cooperation and conflict.
- To acquire a better understanding of the foreign policy decision-making process and the factors which shape foreign policy.
- To trace the evolution of world politics.
- To improve skills of historical and political analysis.
- To improve written communication skills. Lucid, well-structured written work.
- To develop research skills.

Clear analytical thinking as demonstrated by contributions to in-class discussions and argumentation developed in written work and presentations.

Succinct, well-organized oral expression
Creativity in developing own/original views

General Education

This basic intro course is intended to improve student ability to analyze key issues in international relations from various theoretical perspectives. The course puts emphasis upon research skills and upon learning to write “objectively” and analytically. It also seeks to guide students in preparing oral presentations so that they can better articulate their analysis in a public setting. Students should additionally read and be able to discuss major news reports related to topics of interest to the class on a daily basis.

Course Outline

OUTLINE:

You must read the entire book, Baylis Smith, and Owens, *The Globalization of World Politics*, Latest Edition, plus Introduction and Chapters 1, 8.9 of *World War Trump: The Risks of America's New Nationalism*, by Hall Gardner. Hardback or Kindle version

Students should read assigned chapters before class to enhance class discussion.

One graded Midterm (40%)

One 5-10 minute in-class on online presentation with Group or Individually on any section of a Chapter of your Choice from *Globalization of World Politics*. Counts for class participation (10%)

One 5-10 minute in-class or on-line presentation of your term paper topic on global challenges. Counts for class participation. (10%)

One 10-15 page term paper should deal with a controversial issue of contemporary policy relevance and must include your scanned research notes. Double spaced 12 pt. At least 1-2 expert or prime source footnotes per page. Must use at least 2 references to text books or articles used in class. Term paper Due on day of final exam. (40%)

[No Study Trips This Semester Unfortunately!!!!](#)

CLASS SCHEDULE:

September

Week I – 23rd – 25th Introduction

Discussion of Student interests in World Politics and Global Challenges

Start reading Introduction, Chapter 1 in Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics

Video Globalization

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPD477FuqtY>

Discussion: Costs of War

<https://watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/figures>

Week II – 28th – 2nd

September 30th – last day to drop/add courses online

Chapters 2--5, Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics,

Peace of Westphalia

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o52GPe_EBG4

Gardner on Westphalia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Westphalian_sovereignty

Rising powers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9dgpuzawqn8>

October

Week III – 5th – 9th IR Theory

Chapter 6-7-8-Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics,

General Intro

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UU0lks1arFQ&t=13s>

Liberalism

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7D5FNrqT5dM>

Structural Realism Mearsheimer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXlIDh6rD18>

Liberalism or Realism?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-L18ThPMdpc>

Constructivism

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3WLJc9JYbsE>

Week IV –12th – 16th

Chapter 9-10-11 Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics

Non-Western IR Theory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6uwExc7eu8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CesHr99ezWE>

Week V – 19th – 23rd

Chapter 12-13 Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics

Feminism

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajAWGztPUiU>

Chomsky Surviving in the 21st century

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJtfWZGxnGI>

Week VI – 26th – 30th Global Challenges

Chapters 14-15 Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics,

Beginning of in-class presentations

Chapters Intro, Chapter 1, 8, 9 World War Trump

War with China?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XewnyUJgyA4>

China and Iran

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x--XmKAmJ40>

October 28th, Mid-semester

November

Week VII – 2nd – 6th

Gender and Race

Chapter 17-18 Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics,

in-class presentations

US Equal Rights amendment

<https://www.equalrightsamendment.org/>

Gender Inequality

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/gender-equality/>

Congresswoman alexandria ocasio-cortez gender issues

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eEwHs3TM5YE>

Muffet McGraw

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCylfp_YIO4

Black Lives Matter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YG8GjLbbvs>

Week VIII – 9th- 13th

International Law and International Humanitarian Intervention

Chapter Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics

in-class presentations

Chapter 19-20-21-32 Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics,

Responsibility to Protect

<http://responsibilitytoprotect.org/ICISS%20Report.pdf>

Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqsUDPsQSKE>

Chomsky

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvXq6HIKV_A

Problems of Intervention

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0MFUeSTiBw>

International Criminal Court

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGY28NKfLcE>

Debate on International Criminal Court

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5vsw3iFSak>

November 11th to 13th, fall break (no classes)

Week IX – 16th- 20th

Chapter 22-23-24 Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics

in-class presentations

Climate Change Basics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcBXmj1nMTQ>

arctic global warming

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kz6WxTH-p3o>

Midterm (questions to be announced)

November 16th, Mid-semester grades due

Week X – 23rd – 27th

Chapter 25-26-27, Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics

in-class presentations

<https://wsimag.com/economy-and-politics/45472-butter-battle-arms-race>

New arms race

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AaDR6XkQKZA>

Hypersonic Proliferation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKa2ThQ6aeY>

November 27th, last day to withdraw from a course

last day to choose credit/no credit option

Week XI- 30th – 4th

Chapter 16-28-29-30 Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics

In-class presentations

Chomsky Political Economy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21Nh3qJTjqA>

Roubini

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnTPCOqguus>

Fracking

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFWHxZpF9rc>

Green Revolution

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nze2K2hgTqY>

December

Week XII – 7th – 11th

Chapter 31-32, Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics

Human Security

<https://www.un.org/humansecurity/what-is-human-security/>

http://hdr.undp.org/sites/default/files/human_security_guidance_note_r-nhdrs.pdf

Human Security

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xdo9GTNP0D8>

December 11th, last day of classes,

December 12th - 15th, reading days

December 16th – 22th,

10-15 page Term Paper: Due day of final exam December 17

January 4nd, all grades due

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Oxford Bibliography Online

http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/browse?module_0=obo-9780199743292

Available on line:

Kant, Perpetual Peace <https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/kant/kant1.htm>

Marx, Communist Manifesto

Gene Sharp, From Dictatorship to Democracy

<http://www.aeinstein.org/organizations/org/FDTD.pdf>

Costs of War project (Brown University) <http://costsofwar.org/>

Other News

Global Issues: <http://www.globalissues.org/>

War with China?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XewnyUJgyA4>

China and Iran

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x--XmKAmJ40>

Global Warming

<https://blog.ucsusa.org/shana-udvardy/why-covid-relief-executive-order-is-bad-policy>

Chomsky Political Economy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21Nh3qJTjqA>

Coming Depression Roubini

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1DXjGBbQsY>

Roubini Al Jazeera better

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnTPCOqguus>

Fracking

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFWHxZpF9rc>

UN Secretary General and Global Inequality

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z7vaoh-FTsM>

Textbooks

Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN	Required
Globalization of World Politics: Introduction to International Relations Latest Edition PAPERBACK	John Baylis (Editor), Steve Smith (Editor), Patricia Owen	Oxford University Press	9780198739852	Yes
World War Trump: The Risks of America's New Nationalism	Hall Gardner	Prometheus Books	9781633883956	Yes

Attendance Policy

Students studying at The American University of Paris are expected to attend ALL scheduled classes, and in case of absence, should contact their professors to explain the situation. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of any specific attendance policy that a faculty member might have set in the course syllabus. The French Department, for example, has its own attendance policy, and students are responsible for compliance. Academic Affairs will excuse an absence for students' participation in study trips related to their courses.

Attendance at all exams is mandatory.

IN ALL CASES OF MISSED COURSE MEETINGS, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THE PROFESSOR, AND FOR ARRANGING TO MAKE UP MISSED WORK, RESTS SOLELY WITH THE STUDENT.

Whether an absence is excused or not is ALWAYS up to the discretion of the professor or the department. Unexcused absences can result in a low or failing participation grade. In the case of excessive absences, it is up to the professor or the department to decide if the student will receive an "F" for the course. An instructor may recommend that a student withdraw, if absences have made it impossible to continue in the course at a satisfactory level.

Students must be mindful of this policy when making their travel arrangements, and especially during the Drop/Add and Exam Periods.

Grading Policy

Other
