
WORLD POLITICS in Spring 2021 (PO2031)

Course Code	PO2031	Professor(s)	Steven Ekovich
Prerequisites	None	Office Number	G-L11
Class Schedule	F: 09:00-10:20 in PL-4 T: 13:45-15:05 in PL-4	Office Hours	By appointment
Credits	4	Email	sekovich@aup.edu
Semester	Spring 2021	Office Tel. Ext.	

Course Description

An introductory overview of contemporary world politics by examining the fundamental concepts, theories and history employed in analyzing major issues and trends. General topics to be covered include: power, strategy, alliances, war and peace, security, weapons of mass destruction, proliferation, terrorism, international law and institutions, human rights, non-state actors, development, economic integration, globalization, empires, international finance – and others.

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

[PLEASE REMOVE THIS SECTION IF THE COURSE DOES NOT FULFILL ANY GLACC REQUIREMENT]

GLACC

The Global Liberal Arts Core Curriculum (GLACC) degree requirements include the following categories of courses:

- Integrative Inquiry (coded CCI)
- Experiential learning (coded CCX)
- Research, Interpretation, and Writing (coded CCE)
- Digital Literacy and Communication (coded CCD)
- Disciplinary Research Methods and Writing (coded CCR)
- Quantitative Reasoning (coded CCM)
- Experimental Reasoning Course with Lab (coded CCS)
- Expression Française (coded FR)
- AUP Capstone (coded CCC)

This course can be used to fulfill the [INDICATE THE REQUIREMENT(S) FULFILLED BY THE COURSE] requirement and as such has the following learning outcomes:

[INDICATE THE GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES]

Course Outline

To make the most of the course you are required to read as much as possible beyond the assigned text. It would be a good idea to follow news in one way or another.

A good source for this is the site: realclearpolitics.com. Since class discussions are a vital element of the course, students are expected to come prepared.

OUTLINE:

Introduction to global politics

The history of the making of the global 21st century

Theories, methods and intellectual debates

The nature of the state

Power, leaders and decisions in global politics

International law

The current global system

Major, middle and minor powers

Global governance

Non-state actors, mass communication and social networking

Identity, ethnicity, nationalism and religion

War

Civil wars, insurgencies and counterinsurgencies

Terrorism and counterterrorism

Global economics

Global inequality

Human rights

Environment, energy, demography and health

Crises and ethics in global politics

Textbooks

Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN	Required
BURMESE DAYS	ORWELL, GEORGE	PENGUIN	9780141395432	Yes
Empire: A Very Short Introduction	HOWE, STEPHEN	OXFORD - ebook	9780192802231	Yes
GLOBALIZATION OF WORLD POLITICS	BAYLIS, SMITH, OWENS	OXFORD	9780198825548	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

The final course grade will be based on:

Class presentation	15%
Quizzes and short assignments	30%
Class attendance & participation	10%
Book analysis	15%

Final exam

30%

Class Presentation

A power point presentation of about 15 minutes based on a topic, concept or theory.

Quizzes and short writing assignments

There will be regular in-class quizzes and out-of-class very short writing assignments.

Book Analysis

An analysis of *Burmese Days* by George Orwell applying concepts and theories presented during the course.

Class Participation

Class participation includes class attendance and the quality of participation in class discussions.

Final Exam

An in-class essay exam based on reading, lectures, discussions, presentations and quizzes.

Other
