

CAS IR/PO 271
INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Semester II - Spring 2015
Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 - 9:30 AM
Morse Auditorium

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is meant to serve several groups of students as it is:

- one of the required principal courses for International Relations concentrators in CAS
- a Political Science course
- a Social Science divisional distribution course
- an approved elective for COM students

This course is designed to provide you with a basic understanding of the behavior of states and other actors in today's world, introduce key global issues, give an overview of global economics, and acquaint you with some classic writings on international relations.

The course is presented in lectures and in discussion sections:

- Lectures on Tuesday and Thursday provide an analytic framework, amplify readings, and provide material that is **additional to** or sometimes **varying from** the readings.
- Discussion sections meet each week on Friday and are led by Teaching Fellows. Sections provide an opportunity to discuss concepts of the course and get detailed answers to particular questions.

REQUIREMENTS

You are required to attend both lectures and discussion sections. Attendance at lectures and discussions sections is a graded factor. You must do assigned readings **prior to** the class for which they are listed and take **In class quizzes** and the **Final Examination** when these are scheduled. Note: the Final Exam is scheduled for **Friday May 8 from 9-11 AM**. Though this is the next to last day of exams, there will be no allowance for end of school year travel plans.

If you cannot attend this exam, do not take this course.

ABSENCES

Absences are excused when there is, in my judgment, a valid reason. If you are ill, you will need a medical professional's written excuse for two or more consecutive absences. If you are absent because of a University approved function, you will need a written statement. Note that TFs will, at their discretion, conduct quizzes during Discussion Sections. University policy states that students "excessively absent" may be required to withdraw from the course "without credit." I consider that more than eight absences from lectures and discussion groups for any reason is excessive. Absences will **measurably** affect your grade and may cause you to be withdrawn from the course. As the College requires, we take attendance.

GRADING FACTORS AND SCHEDULES

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| TF Evaluation | Continuous | 10% |
| In class Quiz I | Thursday, Feb 12 | 20% |
| In class Quiz II | Thursday, Mar 19 | 20% |
| In class Quiz III | Tuesday, Apr 14 | 20% |
| Final Examination | Friday, May 8 9-11 | 30% |

All work during quizzes and the Final Examination is to be your own without assistance from any notes, electronic devices of any kind, or other persons. Violation of this rule will have serious consequences, academic and conduct. Refer to the CAS Standards of Academic Conduct for complete guidance on this matter.

POLICY ON MISSED EXAMS

In-class Quizzes

Make-up quizzes will not normally be given. If you miss a quiz because of University-sponsored functions, major religious holidays, or documented illness or medical condition, the In-class quizzes you do take will receive a weight of 30% each. If you miss a quiz and have no valid excuse, the in-class quizzes you do take will be weighted at 23% each.

Final Examinations.

University procedures cover most circumstances under which a student is to be given a make-up Final Examination, e.g., three final exams on one day. Otherwise it is my discretion as to whether or not you merit a make-up Final Examination and what penalty, if any, to impose.

INCOMPLETES

The College policy on incomplete grades is very specific and I will follow it in all cases. Note that a written contract is required prior to registering a grade of "incomplete."

REQUIRED TEXTS

There are two texts for this course. Both are required. They are available at the Bookstore and the Baylis is also available elsewhere. Neither will be on reserve at the library.

Introduction to Global Politics, 3rd ed. Steven L. Lamy, John Baylis, Steve Smith and Patricia Owens, Oxford University Press, 2015. ISBN: 978-0-19-939388-6

The Western World: Classics of International Relations. Penguin Custom Editions. 2008. ISBN: 9780536143594

In addition to the required texts, you must read a reputable daily newspaper that covers international news since at **each** quiz and on the Final Examination you will be tested on your knowledge of important current events. The *New York Times* remains the best of the American papers and is available at student rates. You should also read a weekly news journal. I recommend the *Economist* which is also available at student rates, though still expensive. Look for online sources as well.

WEB SITE

A course web site will be available on Blackboard 8.

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT

We are available to talk to you at the times we specify in our office hours and invite you to use these times to ask questions on things which are not clear to you. Such questions often raise issues whose clarification at a following lecture benefits the entire class. If there is time, I will answer very brief or simple questions after class but another large class uses Morse Auditorium immediately afterward and we must clear out. Discussion of alternative views of IR matters or of personal issues cannot be accommodated after class. We discuss such things at office hours.

E MAIL CONTACT

I respond to all e-mails usually within one business day. If I have not responded to your e-mail, do not assume I have seen it. Emails are very good for brief communications but I do not use them as a substitute for discussions appropriate to office hours.

CLASS ROOM POLICY

I do not permit disruptive or distracting behavior.

Please note: **LAPTOP USE IS NOT PERMITTED IN CLASS.** See the web site reading on reasons for this.

CLASS SCHEDULE/ASSIGNED READINGS

PART I - FOUNDATIONS

Week I

Jan 20

Introduction to Course

Expectations

Overview of the course

Jan 22

Introduction to Global Politics

Lamy et al.: Chapter 1

Week II

Jan 27

Evolution of the Global Politics: Westphalia to the Cold War

Lamy Ch. 2, pp. 26-45

Jan 29

Evolution of the Global Politics: Post-Cold War World

Lamy Ch. 2, pp. 26-45

PART II - THEORIES OF GLOBAL POLITICS

Week III

Feb 3

Realism

Lamy: Ch. 3, pp. 68-82

Feb 3

Liberalism

Lamy: Ch. 3, pp. 83-101

Week IV

Feb 10

Critical Approaches

Lamy: Ch. 4

Western World: Marx, Lenin, Tickner

Feb 12

QUIZ 1

PART III - GLOBAL ACTORS

Week V

Feb 17 **MONDAY SCHEDULE**

Feb 19 **Making Foreign Policy**
 Lamy: Ch. 5

Week VI

Feb 24 **Global and Regional Governance**
 Lamy: Ch. 6

Feb 26 **Non-Governmental Actors**
 Lamy: Ch. 7

PART IV - GLOBAL ISSUES: SECURITY

Week VII

Mar 3 **Security and Military Power**
 Lamy Ch. 8
 Western World: Clausewitz

Mar 5 **Terrorism**
 Lamy Ch. 9

MAR 7 - MAR 16 SPRING RECESS

Week VIII

Mar 17 **Human Rights and Human Security**
 Lamy: Ch. 10

Mar 19 **In-class Quiz II**

PART V - GLOBAL ISSUES: POLITICAL ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

Week IX

Mar 24 **International Political Economy**
 Lamy: Ch. 11

Mar 26 **Global Trade and Finance**
 Lamy: Ch. 12, pp. 374-388
 Western World: Wallerstein

Week X

Mar 31 **Global Trade and Finance**
 Lamy: Ch. 12, pp. 389-405

Apr 2 **Poverty and Development**
 Lamy Ch. 13

Week XI

Apr 7 **Environmental Issues**
 Lamy Ch. 14

Apr 9 **International Law**
 Handout

Week XII

Apr 14 **In-class Quiz III**

PART VI - CLASSICS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Apr 16 **Classic Greek Writings on the State and IR**
 Western World: Aristotle and Thucydides

Week XIII

Apr 21 **Emerging Western Views on Statecraft and the State**
 Classics Reader: Machiavelli and Hobbes

Apr 23 **Modern Views on the State**
 Western World: Weber, Wilson, Waltz

Week XIV

Apr 28 **The Post Cold War World Order**
 Western World: Fukuyama, Huntington, Mahbubani

Apr 30 Review

Friday 8 May - Final Examination - 9-11 AM