



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
FACULTY OF ARTS

POLI 283 L01 (Fall 2018)
Issues & Trends in World Politics

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COURSE DAY/TIME: TR 14:00 – 15:15
COURSE LOCATION: ENA 201
COURSE PRE-REQUISITES: None
TEACHING ASSISTANTS: TBA

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course deals with major trends and issues in world politics, such as international tensions, migration, ethnic conflict, human rights and sustainable development. It is presented in lecture format but will include periods of class discussion.

COURSE OBJECTIVES & LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The objectives of the course are to introduce a range of contemporary problems in world politics, and to encourage students to think how those issues have arisen and how they might inter-relate, and, second, to develop students' skills in analysis and writing.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK(S):

Spiegel, Steven L, Elizabeth G. Matthews, Jennifer M. Taw, and Kristen P. Williams. *World Politics in a New Era*, 6th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015.

- The textbook can be purchased at the [University of Calgary Bookstore](#).
- A copy of this textbook will be placed on hourly reserve at the [Taylor Family Digital Library](#).

COURSE COMPONENT WEIGHTS AND DUE DATES:

COMPONENT	WEIGHTING	DUE DATES
Test 1	20%	September 27
Test 2	20%	October 25
Written Assignment	20%	November 22
Final Exam	40%	Registrar Schedule Dec 10-20
Total	100%	

COURSE SCHEDULE & TOPICS (subject to change):

Week 1: Thursday September 6

Introduction to World Politics

Reading: Chapter 1 – World Politics: Complexity and Competing Processes, pp. 3-18.

Week 2: Tuesday September 11 – Thursday September 13

Theory

Reading: Chapter 2 – Theory and World Politics, pp. 19-58.

Week 3: Tuesday September 18 – Thursday September 20

Westphalia to the Second World War

Reading: Chapter 3 – World Politics and Economics: 1648-1945, pp.59-106.

Week 4: Tuesday September 25 – Thursday September 27

The Cold War

Reading: Chapter 4 – World Politics and Economics: The Cold War, pp. 107-48.

Class Test 1 – September 27

Week 5: Tuesday October 2 – Thursday October 4

A New World Order?

Reading: Chapter 6 - Globalization and Fragmentation in a New World Order, pp. 191-226.

Week 6: Tuesday October 9 – Thursday October 11

Security Studies

Reading: Chapter 7 – Security Theory and Practice, pp. 229-66.

Week 7: Tuesday October 16 – Thursday October 18

Security Issues

Reading: Chapter 8 – Contemporary Security Issues, pp. 267-302.

Week 8: Tuesday October 23 – Thursday October 25

International Political Economy (Trade)

Reading: Chapter 9 – World Politics: Trade and Investment, pp. 303-40.

Class Test 2 – October 25

Week 9: Tuesday October 30 – Thursday November 1

International Political Economy (Development)

Reading: Chapter 10 – World Politics: Development, pp. 341-84.

Week 10: Tuesday November 6 – Thursday November 8

Demographic Issues

Reading: Chapter 11 – Human Issues: Demographic Trends, pp. 385-410.

Week 11: Tuesday November 13- Thursday November 15

Fall Break – No Lectures

Week 12: Tuesday November 20 – Thursday November 22

Natural Resource

Reading: Chapter 12 – Resource Issues, pp. 411-40.

Written Assignment – November 22

Week 13: Tuesday November 27 – Thursday November 29

International Law

Readings: Chapter 13 – Global Governance: International Law and Organizations, pp. 441-82.

Week 14: Tuesday December 4 – Thursday December 6

Review

Readings: Chapter 14 – World Politics in Context, pp. 483-501.

CLASS TESTS

The Class Tests (20% each) will be in-class tests of multiple-choice questions on the course material. These tests are not restricted to the textbook. Material provided during lecture by the instructor will also be tested.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT

The Written Assignment (20%) is designed to prepare students for future writing assignments in more advanced classes. It is not an argumentative essay but rather meant to familiarize students with the key components and framework of an academic paper. Students will be provided with an article for a topic selected by the instructor as well as a list of guiding questions. Students will be required to retrieve the article, read it, and answer the questions, providing an analysis of the article's content. The assignment is to be submitted electronically by the student on D2L.

FINAL EXAMINATION

The Final Exam (40%) will last two hours and be held during the official exam period (December 10-20). It consists of a series of multiple choice questions followed by one essay question (from a choice of four). No aids are permitted during the final exam.

WRITING STATEMENT

Written assignments are often required in Political Science courses, including this one, and the quality of writing skills, including but not limited to such elements as grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, clarity, citation, and organization, will be taken into account in the determination of grades. Students are encouraged to make use of the services offered through Writing Support Services in the Student Success Centre (3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital

Library) or at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support>.

GRADE SCALE:

A+ (91-100)	B+ (77-79)	C+ (67-69)	D+ (55-59)
A (85-90)	B (73-76)	C (63-66)	D (50-54)
A- (80-84)	B- (70-72)	C- (60-62)	F (0-49)

LATE PENALTIES

Late assignments (those without an extension granted by the instructor) will be docked 5% per day. Papers that are more than 7 days late will not be marked and shall receive a 0.

INSTRUCTOR GUIDELINES

Students requiring assistance are encouraged to speak to the instructor during class or their office hours. Should you wish to meet outside of office hours, please email to make an appointment. It is to the student's advantage to keep such appointments.

Email is a common form of communication but it is not always the most effective way of answering student questions. If you cannot make office hours, please request a one on one meeting outside of these hours.

Students are welcome to use laptops and other electronic note-taking devices in this course. Please be considerate of others and switch off all cell phones when you enter the classroom. Sending/receiving texts and browsing the Web is extremely disruptive to others and will not be tolerated.

IMPORTANT POLICIES AND INFORMATION

Absence From a Mid-term Examination:

Students who are absent from a scheduled term test or quiz for legitimate reasons (e.g. illness with the appropriate documentation) are responsible for contacting the instructor via email within 48 hours of the missed test to discuss alternative arrangements. A copy of this email may be requested as proof of the attempt to contact the instructor. Any student who fails to do so forfeits the right to a makeup test.

Deferral of a Final Examination:

Deferral of a final examination can be granted for reasons of illness, domestic affliction, and unforeseen circumstances, as well as to those with three (3) final exams scheduled within a 24-hour period. Deferred final exams will not be granted to those who sit the exam, who have made travel arrangements that conflict with their exam, or who have misread the examination timetable. The decision to allow a deferred final exam rests not with the instructor but with Enrolment Services. Instructors should, however, be notified if you will be absent during the examination. The Application for Deferred Final Exam, deadlines, requirements and submission instructions can be found on the Enrolment Services website at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams>.

Appeals:

If a student has a concern about the course or a grade they have been assigned, they must first discuss their concerns with the instructor. If this does not resolve the matter, the student then can proceed with an academic appeal. The first step in an academic appeal is to set up a meeting with the Department Head. Appeals must be requested within 15 days of receipt of the graded assignment.

University Regulations:

Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the University policies found in the Academic Regulations sections of the Calendar at www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-regs.html.

Student Accommodations:

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/.

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

Plagiarism And Other Forms Of Academic Misconduct:

Academic misconduct in any form (e.g. cheating, plagiarism) is a serious academic offence that can lead to disciplinary probation, suspension or expulsion from the University. Students are expected to be familiar with the standards surrounding academic honesty; these can be found in the University of Calgary calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html>. Such offences will be taken seriously and reported immediately, as required by Faculty of Arts policy.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP):

FOIP legislation requires that instructors maintain the confidentiality of student information. In practice, this means that student assignment and tests cannot be left for collection in any public place without the consent of the student. It also means that grades cannot be distributed via email. Final exams are kept by instructors but can be viewed by contacting them or the main

office in the Department of Political Science. Any uncollected assignments and tests meant to be returned will be destroyed after six months from the end of term; final examinations are destroyed after one year.

Evacuation Assembly Points:

In the event of an emergency evacuation from class, students are required to gather in designated assembly points. Please check the list found at www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints and note the assembly point nearest to your classroom.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources:

For program planning and advice, visit the Arts Students' Centre in Social Sciences 102, call 403-220-3580 or email artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit arts.ucalgary.ca/advising for program assistance.

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit their office in the MacKimmie Library Block.

Important Contact Information:

Campus Security and Safewalk (24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year)
Phone: 403-220-5333

Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Students' Union Representatives

Phone: 403-220-6551

Email: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca,
arts4@su.ucalgary.ca

Students' Union URL: www.su.ucalgary.ca

Graduate Students' Association

Phone: 403-220-5997

Email: ask@gsa.ucalgary.ca

URL: www.ucalgary.ca/gsa

Student Ombudsman

Phone: 403-220-6420

Email: ombuds@ucalgary.ca

Campus Mental Health Resources:

SU Wellness Centre: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/>

Campus Mental Health Strategy: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/>