



**2019–2020 Academic Year
Fall Session**



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

FACULTY OF ARTS

Political Science 381.02

Introduction to International Relations

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Classes: Tuesday – Thursday 15:30 to 16:45

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Course Description and Objectives

This course introduces the student to theories and concepts important in understanding the dynamics of international relations. The course examines the main theoretical explanations of international relations, explores some of the key structures of the international system and assesses a number of critical issues, using these theories and structures as a framework. The objectives of the course are to provide a basis for students to think critically about international relations, to introduce a range of contemporary problems in the subject, and to develop students' skills in analysis, research and writing.

Method of Assessment

1 Mid Term Exam	3 October 2019	25%
2 Mid Term Exam	31 October 2019	25%
3 Final exam	as scheduled by the registrar	50 %

Readings

Core Text:

Baylis, John, Steve Smith & Patricia Owens, *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*, Oxford University Press, 7th edition, 2017.

Class Participation

There is no mark for class participation, but students will be expected to come to class prepared for discussion. This means staying up with the readings and current affairs as it may concern the subject of the course. Students must also be prepared to be called upon to offer their assessment of the issues being discussed.

Midterm Exam 1

This Midterm Exam will consist of short answer questions, which are not to be answered in point form. The midterm exam, worth 25% of the course grade, will be held in the course classroom, **Thursday 3 October 2019.**

Midterm Exam 2

This Midterm Exam will consist of short answer questions, which are not to be answered in point form.. The midterm exam, worth 25% of the course grade, will be held in the course classroom, **Thursday, 31 October 2019.**

Final Exam

The final exam will consist of short answer questions and one essay-answer question. The final exam, worth 50% of the course grade, will be two (2) hours in length and will be closed book with no aids. The final exam is scheduled by the Office of the Registrar during the examination period, 9 December – 19 December 2019.

Grade Scale

A+ = 95-100	B+ = 77-79	C+ = 67-69	D+ = 55-59
A = 86-94	B = 73-76	C = 63-66	D = 50-54
A- = 80-85	B- = 70-72	C- = 60-62	F = 0-49

Class Preparation and D2L

Lectures focus on the material presented in the textbook and general discussion relating to the topic(s) outlined in the lecture schedule. Students are expected to read the assigned text chapters and any other assigned readings before class, and be prepared for class discussion. Important information and additional readings for Poli 381.02 Introduction to International Relations will be posted on D2L. Students should regularly check the Announcements section of D2L for ongoing notices.

Your instructor may not necessarily cover all of the materials in the text readings, but it is the responsibility of the student to understand the concepts presented in the textbook and lectures. If

you are unsure of any of the concepts, please take the initiative to ask the instructor during class or their office hour, or ask the Teaching Assistant in their office hour.

Contacting the Instructor

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

Using Email

Email is commonly used by students to communicate with their instructor. However, it does limit the effectiveness of the communications and may not be the best way for instructors to answer student questions, especially those requiring an explanation of concepts covered in this course or some personal concerns. Therefore the instructor may request a telephone call or personal meeting. *Your instructor will inform you as to his/her expectations about emails.*

Course Outline

Week 1 Thurs (5 September): **Introduction**

Readings: Baylis, Smith & Owens, Introduction

I Theories of International Relations

Week 2 Tues & Thurs: **Evolution of the International System**

Readings: Baylis, Smith & Owens, Ch. 2,3 & 4

Week 3 Tues & Thurs **Realism**

Readings: Baylis, Smith & Owens, Ch. 5

Week 4 Tues & Thurs **Liberalism**

Readings: Baylis, Smith & Owens, Ch. 6

Week 5 Tues **Marxism**

Thurs (3 Oct 2019) ***Midterm Exam #1***

Week 6 Tues & Thurs **Social Constructivism and Post Positivism**

Reading: Baylis, Smith & Owens, Ch. 9 & 10

Week 7 Tues **Post-Structuralist & Post-Colonial Theories of International Relations**

Readings: Baylis, Smith & Owens, Ch. 8 & 11

Thurs **Feminism**

Readings: Baylis, Smith & Owens, Ch. 12

Week 8 Tues **Ethics**

Readings: Baylis, Smith & Owens, Ch. 12

II Structures and Processes

Week 8 Thurs **International Security**

Readings: Baylis, Smith & Owens, Ch. 14 and 23

Week 9 Tues **International Security**

Thurs (31 October) *Midterm Exam #2*

Week 10 Tues & Thurs **International Political Economy**

Readings: Baylis, Smith & Owens, Ch. 15

Week 11 **Term Break** Sunday-Saturday, November 10-16

Week 12 Tues & Thurs **Transnational Actors**

Readings: Baylis, Smith & Owens, Ch. 20 and 22

Week 13 Tues **International Law**

Readings: Baylis, Smith & Owens, Ch. 17-18

Thurs **International Organizations**

Readings: Baylis, Smith & Owens, Ch. 14

Week 14 Tues **International Organizations**

Thurs (5 December 2019) **Course review**

Fall Term Classes End Friday, 6 December**IMPORTANT POLICIES AND INFORMATION****Supporting Documentation and the Use of a Statutory Declaration**

As stated in the University Calendar:

Students may be asked to provide supporting documentation for an exemption/special request. This may include, but is not limited to, a prolonged absence from a course where participation is required, a missed course assessment, a deferred examination, or an appeal. Students are encouraged to submit documentation that will support their situation. Supporting documentation may be dependent on the reason noted in their personal statement/explanation provided to explain their situation. This could be medical certificate/documentation, references, police reports, invitation letter, third party letter of support or a statutory declaration etc. The decision to provide supporting documentation that best suits the situation is at the discretion of the student. Students cannot be required to provide specific supporting documentation, such as a medical note.

Students can make a Statutory Declaration as their supporting documentation (available at ucalgary.ca/registrar). This requires students to make a declaration in the presence of a Commissioner for Oaths. It demonstrates the importance of honest and accurate information provided and is a legally binding declaration. Several registered Commissioners for Oaths are available to students at no charge, on campus. For a list of locations to access a Commissioner for Oaths, visit ucalgary.ca/registrar).

Falsification of any supporting documentation will be taken very seriously and may result in disciplinary action through the Academic Discipline regulations or the Student Non-Academic Misconduct policy.

This statement is accessible at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/m-1.html>

Please note that while the form of supporting documentation provided is at the discretion of the student, the instructor has the discretion not to accept the supporting documentation if it does not corroborate the reason(s) given for the exemption/special request.

Absence From a Mid-term Examination:

Students who are absent from a scheduled term test or quiz for legitimate reasons 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 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.

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>.

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.

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.html>. Such offences will be taken seriously and reported immediately, as required by Faculty of Arts policy.

Copyright Legislation:

As stated in the University of Calgary Calendar, Academic Regulations, “students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright and requirements of the copyright act to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorised sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.”

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/acceptable-use-of-material-protected-by-copyright.pdf> and <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html>

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: askgsa@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/>