



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
FACULTY OF ARTS

POLI 381 L02
Introduction to International Relations
Winter 2019

Course Outline

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COURSE DAY/TIME: MWF 15:00 - 15:50
COURSE LOCATION: ENE 239
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces theories and concepts important in understanding the dynamics of international relations. As well as examining the main theoretical explanations of international relations, the course will consider some of the key structures of the international system and assess 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.

COURSE OBJECTIVES & LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 1) To think critically and thoughtfully about international relations;
- 2) To identify and understand the main forces shaping the current international system;
- 3) To research and critically assess the specific elements of international relations; and
- 4) To develop students' skills in analysis and writing.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

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

- 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](#).

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COURSE COMPONENT WEIGHTS AND DUE DATES

COMPONENT	WEIGHTING	DUE DATES
Paper Proposal	20%	15 February
Research Paper	40%	29 March
Final Exam	40%	Registrar Schedule 15-27 April
Total	100%	

COURSE SCHEDULE & TOPICS

*The schedule is tentative and may change as the need arises.

Week 1: 11 January

Introduction: *Readings Baylis, Smith & Owens Introduction and Chapter 1*

Week 2: 14-18 January

The International Order and its History: *Readings Baylis, Smith & Owens Introduction and Chapter 2, 3*

Week 3: 21-25 January

A New World Order and its challenge by Rising Powers: *Readings Baylis, Smith & Owens Introduction and Chapter 4,5*

Week 4: 28 January – 1 February

Realism: *Readings Baylis, Smith & Owens Chapters 6*

Week 5: 4-8 February

Liberalism: *Readings Baylis, Smith & Owens Chapters 7*

Week 6: 11-15 February

The Neo-Neo Debate: *Readings Baylis, Smith & Owens Chapters 8*

Week 7: 18-22 February

READING WEEK – NO LECTURES

Week 8: 25 February – 1 March

Constructivism: *Readings Baylis, Smith & Owens Chapters 9*

Week 9: 4-8 March

Ethics: *Readings Baylis, Smith & Owens Chapters 13*

Week 10: 11-15 March

International Security: *Readings Baylis, Smith & Owens Chapters 14, 15*

Week 11: 18-22 March

International Political Economy: *Readings Baylis, Smith & Owens Chapters 16, 28*

Week 12: 25-29 March

The United Nations and International Law & Organizations: *Readings Baylis, Smith & Owens Chapters 19-21*

Week 13: 1-5 April

Environment Issues and Nationalism: *Readings Baylis, Smith & Owens Chapters 24, 27*

Week 14: 8-12 April

Poverty and Conclusions: *Readings Baylis, Smith & Owens Chapters 29*

PAPER PROPOSAL

A paper proposal must be submitted **at the beginning of class 15 February**. The proposal (4-5 pages, double-spaced) must include a clear identification of the question to be addressed in the research paper, the methodology to be utilized, and a preliminary list of sources. It is to be submitted at the beginning of class in a paper format. Students must retain an electronic copy for their own records. The proposal will be evaluated in terms of both its academic and writing content.

RESEARCH PAPER

Students will be required to write one major research essay on a subject of their own choosing (suggestions will be provided) and is **due at the beginning of class on 29 March**. This paper (12-15 pages, double-spaced) is to provide an analytical study of an aspect of international relations. The paper will be evaluated in terms of both its academic and writing content. It is to be submitted at the beginning of class in a paper format. Students must retain an electronic copy for their own records.

FINAL EXAMINATION

The last assignment will a closed book 2 hour final exam (40%) that will be held during the official exam period and will consist of both multiple choice and essay questions. The time and location of the exam is TBA but no aids will be allowed during its writing.

GRADE SCALE: The following grading scale will be used:

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)

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 considered 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>.

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

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](https://www.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](https://www.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/n-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-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/>