Poli 2057
Introduction to International Politics
Spring 2013
Monday 5:00-8:00 p.m.  228 Tureaud

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OBJECTIVE:  Poli Sci 2057 is a general education requirement course for social science undergraduates. The course is designed to provide students with an introductory insight into the process, the progress and the problems in the conduct of the world politics. In particular, we will discuss the flow of change and continuity as well as the twists of conflict and cooperation in World Affairs. By the end of the semester, it is expected that students should have gained the Learning Competency to explain and analyze events and trends in the contemporary world.

The University strives toward the following objectives for general education courses:
Objective 1: to demonstrate mastery of factual knowledge of the subject matter
Objective 2: to demonstrate and understanding of the levels of association ranging from friend and family to civilizations of global significance
Objective 3: to demonstrate an understanding of Diversity of Cultures across time and space as well as universal social characteristics and global networks

TEXTBOOKS:  There is only one textbook required for this course:

Steven Lamy: Introduction to Global Politics

In addition, New York Times readings will be assigned.

EXAMS & PAPERS:  As part of the general education requirement, (all sections of 2057) will do standard multiple choice questions during the midterm and final. There will be other multiple choice questions assigned from the NYT. A major essay question will also be administered to all 2057 sections. Much of the content of the midterm and final exam (essays and definitions) come from the lectures. You will select an on-going topic in the news and examine key issues and themes generated from it in your research paper topic.

GRADES/ASSIGNMENT DATES:  Will be determined according to the following formula:

Class Participation 10 pts
Early Take-Home 10 pts (Due Mon. Feb. 04)
In-Class Midterm 20 pts (Mon. March 04)
Multiple Choice Tests 10 pts (During Midterm & before Final March 04/April 29)
Research Paper 10 pts (Due Mon. April 22)
Final 40 pts (Mon. May 06; 5:00pm-7:00pm)
100 pts

A= 100 - 88 B=87.9 - 78 C=77.9 - 68 D=67.9 - 60 F=below 60

LECTURE OUTLINE

Jan. 14 Course Introduction: Relevance and Complexity
Lamy, Chapter 1

Jan. 28 Background to the Study of World Politics
Lamy, Chapter 2

Feb. 04 Return Take-Home Exam

Feb. 04 The Theories of International Relations
Lamy, Chapters 3 & 4

Feb. 04 The Actors of World Politics
The Role of Domestic Context
Lamy, Chapters 5, 6 & 7

Feb. 18 Conflict in World Politics: The Conduct of War
Lamy, Chapters 8 & 9

Feb. 25 Cooperation in World Politics: The Conduct of Diplomacy
Lamy, Chapter 5

March 04 Mid-Term (In-Class); Includes Multiple Choice Section

March 11-18 Relations Among Industrialized Countries:
The U.S. and EU, Japan and Canada
Lamy, Chapters 11 & 12

March 25 – April 08 Relations Between Industrialized and Developing Countries:
The Changing Tides?
Lamy, Chapter 13

April 15 Relations with Communist and Former Communist States
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<td>Research Paper Due&lt;br&gt;Transculturalism and Global Problems&lt;br&gt;Lamy, Chapter 14</td>
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