POLI 2057 Section 1
Fall 2011
Introduction to International Politics
Monday 5:00-8:00pm; 218 Coates

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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 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 been educated in the knowledge of global interaction to the extent that they can 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 an 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.

TEXTBOOK: There is only one textbook required for this course.

Steven L. Lamy: Introduction to Global Politics

In addition, NYT readings will be assigned.

EXAM & 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 Fri. Sept. 9)
- In Class Midterm: 20 pts. (Due Mon. Oct. 3)
- Multiple Choice Tests: 10 pts. (During Midterm & before Final)
- Research Paper: 10 pts. (Due Nov. 14)
- FINAL (Take Home): 40 pts. (Return on Mon. Dec. 5; 10:00-12:00 Noon)

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

Aug. 22  Course Introduction: Relevance and Complexity
        Reading: Lamy, Chapter 1

Aug. 29  Background to the Study of World Politics
        Lamy, Chapter 2

Sept. 9, Fri.  Return Take Home Exam

Sept. 5  The Theories of International Relations
        Lamy, Chapter 3 & 4

Sept.12  The Actors of World Politics
        Lamy, Chapter 5, 6, & 7
        The Role of Domestic Context
        Lamy, Page 148-157

Sept. 19  Conflict in World Politics: The Conduct of War
        Lamy, Chapter 8, 9, & 10

Sept.26  Cooperation in World Politics: The Conduct of Diplomacy
        Lamy, TBD

Oct.03  Midterm Exam (In Class) Includes Multiple Choice Section

Oct. 10-17  Relations Among Industrialized Countries:
            The U.S. and EU, Japan & Canada
            Lamy, Chapter 11 & 12

Oct.24-31  Relations Between Industrialized and Developing Countries:
            The Changing Tides
            Lamy, Chapter 13

Nov. 14  Turn in Research Papers

Nov. 07  Relations with Communist and Former Communist States
        TBD

Nov. 14  Transculturalism

Nov. 21  Global Problems
        Lamy, Chapter 14

Nov. 28  NYT Multiple Choice Test/Review Session/Course Evaluation

Dec. 05  Take Home Final Exam: Return between 10:00-12:00 Noon