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 processes, 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 follow formula:

- Class Participation: 10 pts.
- Early Take Home: 10 pts. (Due Fri. Feb. 03)
- In Class Midterm: 20 pts. (Due Mon. Mar. 05)
- Multiple Choice Tests: 10 pts. (During Midterm & before Final)
- Research Paper: 10 pts. (Due Mon. Apr. 16)
- FINAL: 40 pts. (Mon. May 07; 8:00-10:00 pm)

100 pts.

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

Jan. 23  Course Introduction: Relevance and Complexity
         Reading: Lamy, Chapter 1

Jan. 30  Background to the Study of World Politics
         Lamy, Chapter 2

Feb. 03  Return Take Home Exam

Feb. 06  The Theories of International Relations
         Lamy, Chapter 3 & 4

Feb. 06  The Actors of World Politics
         Lamy, Chapter 5, 6, & 7
         The Role of Domestic Context
         Lamy, Page 148-157

Feb. 13  Conflict in World Politics: The Conduct of War
         Lamy, Chapter 8, 9, & 10

Feb 27   Cooperation in World Politics: The Conduct of Diplomacy
         Lamy, TBD

Mar. 05  Midterm Exam (In Class) Includes Multiple Choice Section

Mar. 12-19 Relations Among Industrialized Countries:
            The U.S. and EU, Japan & Canada
            Lamy, Chapter 11 & 12

Mar. 26-Apr. 02 Relations Between Industrialized and Developing Countries:
            The Changing Tides
            Lamy, Chapter 13

Apr. 16  Turn in Research Papers

Apr. 16  Relations with Communist and Former Communist States
         TBD

Apr. 23  Transculturalism and Global Problems
         Lamy, Chapter 14

Apr. 30  NYT Multiple Choice Test/Review Session/Course Evaluation

May 07  In Class Final Exam (8:00-10:00 pm)