

Fall 2011

Introduction to International Politics

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OFFICE HOURS 9:30-10:30 MWF
11:30-12:30 MWF
3:00-5:00 MW

The course is designed to provide students with an in-depth 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 logic of association within the

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 J. Levy, Introduction to Global Politics

Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011

In addition, NYT readings will be assigned.

EXAM & PAPERS:

As part of the general education requirements, (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.

All of the definitions and all 2057 questions. 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.

CLASS ASSIGNMENT DATES WILL

Early Take Home 10 pts (Due Fri Sept 9)

In-Class Midterm 30 pts (Due Mon Oct 2)

Multiple Choice Tests 10 pts (During Midterm & Before Final)

Research Paper 10 pts (Due Nov 14)

## 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 148-151
- 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 24-31 Relations Between Industrialized and Developing Countries  
The Changing Tides  
Lamy, Chapter 13
- Nov. 14 Turn in Research Papers
- Nov. 07 Relations with China and the European Union  
TBD
- Nov. 14 Transculturalism
- Nov. 21 Global Problems  
Lamy, Chapter 14

Nov. 29 NYU Multiple Choice Test/Reading Section/Class Evaluation

Dec. 05 T-1, II, Field, Return 1st 10:00-12:00 N