

POLI 2057-02: Introduction to International Politics Fall 2019

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Course Time: T/TH 9:00 10:20

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Term Project (25%): Students will have essentially four options concerning the Term Project. These will differ according to their choice of its form and the content.

1. Form

- a) **Essay** (Default). Writing a 2,200-word, 6-8 page essay. This essay must be: double spaced, have one-inch margins, **Times New Roman** Font sized 12, and page numbers at the bottom. There must be an original argument that the student, with the permission of the instructor, formulates and executes within the paper.
- b) **Alternative**. Proposing and submitting an alternative project. I am reasonably open to considering accepting other mediums that facilitate the learning and expression of the

d) Refrain from large block quotes in your work. Small quotes when needed are fine. I will not accept the copy-pasting of large sections of s

conviction on the part of the faculty that LSU graduates will be able to communicate effectively through multiple media; will have a basic appreciation of historical, cultural and philosophical complexity; will be aware of the economic, political, cultural, and linguistic factors which inform global interdependence; will be able to identify and solve important problems through research-based inquiry which employs scientific and mathematical methods, and appropriate technology; and will have the requisite abilities and motivation to participate effectively in the civic life of communities.

Humanities and Social Sciences Competency Statement: LSU graduates will demonstrate an understanding of the informing factors of global interdependence, including economic forces, political dynamics, and cultural and linguistic difference.

Integrative Learning Core: Integrated learning allows students to make simple connections among ideas and experiences and across disciplines and perspectives. The LSU Integrative

9/5 James C Scott. 2018. Selections from Chapters 4-5 in *Against the Grain*. P. 116-157; 166-173.

Section II: International Relations Theories

Week 3: Introduction to Thinking about International Relations

9/10 Edward Carr. 1964. Chapters 1-4 in *The Twenty Years' Crisis, 1919-1939*. P. 1-62.

9/12 Edward Carr. 1964. Chapters 5-7 in *The Twenty Years' Crisis, 1919-1939*. P. 63-99.

Week 4: Classical Realism

9/17 Thomas Hobbes. 1994. 13-14, & 17 in *The Leviathan*. Hackett Press. P. 74-88, 106-110.

9/19 Thomas Hobbes. 1994. 18-20 in *The Leviathan*. Hackett Press. P. 110-123, 127-132.

Week 5. Liberalism

9/24 Immanuel Kant. *Idea for a Universal History & Perpetual Peace*. P. 29-39, 107-125.

9/26 Ikenberry, G. John. "The end of liberal international order?". *International Affairs* 94, no. 1 (2018): 7-23.

Week 6: Structural Realism (Neorealism)

10/1 Waltz, Kenneth. 1979. Selections from *Theory of International Politics*. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press. P.79-101, 161-170.

10/3
of Great Power Politics

The Tragedy

10/24

11/28 Thanksgiving Break

Week 15: Globalization/Conclusion (Term Projects due Dec. 3 at 9:00 a.m.)

12/3 Blanton, Shannon L., and Charles W. Kegley. 2014. *World Politics: Trend and Transformation, 2013-2014 Update Edition*. Cengage Learning. P 356-389. **Term Project Due.**

12/5 <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2018/10/yuval-noah-harari-technology-tyranny/568330/>;
<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2018/sep/22/regular-body-upgrades-what-will-humans-look-like-in-100-years>.

Week 16: Second Exam: Thursday, December 12th, 12:30-2:30 p.m.