



POL 102: Introduction to World Politics

General Information:

Term: 2022 Summer Session

Instructor: Staff

Language of Instruction: English

Classroom: TBA

Office Hours: TBA

Class Sessions Per Week: 5

Total Weeks: 5

Total Class Sessions: 25

Class Session Length (minutes): 145

Credit Hours: 4

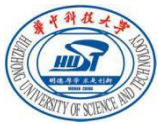
Course Description:

This course is an introduction to the study of world politics. It examines a variety of questions of vital significance to understand different facets in international relations, especially the "big questions" in world politics: Why do countries fight wars? Can nuclear proliferation be curtailed? Does trade help developing countries or harm them? Topics covered include major schools of international relations theory, the development and changes of the nation-state system; international security and intervention, human rights and human security, globalization, terrorism, environmental politics, and transnational institutions; the roles of both state and non-state actors in international politics.

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize the logic of world politics.
- Understand the reason beneath events and affairs.
- Use the theories and arguments covered in the course to analyze issues in world politics.

Course Format and Requirements:

**Attendance:**

Your attendance is mandatory. You will be required to sign in at the beginning of each lecture and section.

More than three unexcused absences will result in an automatic reduction in your participation grade, for instance from A- to B+. Your active participation in the class is expected and constitutes part of your grade.

Homework:

You must submit a hardcopy of your completed homework at the end of class on the date due; late homework will NOT be accepted. Working with fellow students on this homework is fine but plagiarizing is not allowable.

Quizzes:

There will be 7 quizzes administered through the whole semester and the two lowest scores will be dropped. Quizzes will always be completed in the first ten minutes of class. The quiz problems will be similar to homework problems and in-class examples. There will be no make-up quizzes.

Term Paper

Students are required to write a research paper on a historical or contemporary world event. During the process of writing this term paper, students are expected to gain a deeper understanding of topics covered by this course and apply the knowledge they learned here to analyze the problems on world politics. Critical thinking and professional writing skills are also practiced. Professionalism of the paper means that documents are formatted, grammar is correct, and no spelling errors. Students should refer to the below guidelines for clarification:

Paper General Guidelines

- Double-spaced and typed, using 12 font and one inch margins.
- A clear introduction with a defined thesis; following by a well-structured body and conclusion.
- Proof read for spell checking, grammatical and structural errors.
- All sources must be properly cited.

Paper Grading Policy



- 20%- Overall style and creativity of the work
- 40%- Structure and Argument
- 40%- Reading of Sources, use of evidence and proper citations

Exams:

*All the exams in this class will be based on the following format: 1) Short answer questions; 2) Multiple choices; 3) Short essay question.

Midterm exam

The Midterm Exam will be non-cumulative in-class closed-book. it will not be cumulative. Each exam is worth 20% of the final grade.

Final exam

A closed-book final exam will be taken at the end of the session. The final exam is cumulative and worth 40% of the final grade.

Exact time and location for final will be announced in the last week of sessions.

Course Materials:

World Politics: Interests, Interactions, and Institutions, Jeffrey A. Frieden, David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz, 4th edition

Course Assessment:

Homework Assignments	10%
Quizzes (5 out of 7)	15%
Term Paper	20%
Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	35%
Total	100%

Grading Scale (percentage):



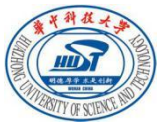
- A+: 98%-100%
- A: 93%-97%
- A-: 90%-92%
- B+: 88%-89%
- B: 83%-87%
- B-: 80%-82%
- C+: 78%-79%
- C: 73%-77%
- C-: 70%-72%
- D+: 68%-69%
- D: 63%-67%
- D-: 60%-62%
- F: Below 60%

Course Schedule:

Week	Topics	Activities
1	Introduction to the Course Syllabus Overview Introduction to Global Politics States and Sovereignty Nations and Nationalism	Quizzes Homework Assignment
2	War and Peace: Idealism and Realism Anarchy and the Tragedy of Great Power Politics Liberalism Race, Class, Imperialism	Quizzes Homework Assignment



	Democracy and Interdependence International Norms and Taboos: Social Constructivism	
3	International Institutions International Security after the Cold War The Nuclear Revolution Nuclear Proliferation Human Rights Humanitarian Intervention	Quizzes Homework Assignment Midterm Exam
4	The Politics of International Trade Monetary Affairs Gender in Politics and Economic Factors Globalization The Dark Side of Transnationalism Terrorism	Quizzes Homework Assignment Term Paper
5	Poverty, Development, and Hunger Environmental Issues Labor, Migration, and US The Future of the International System Wrap-up	Quizzes Homework Assignment Final Exam



	Review for the Final Exam	
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Academic Integrity:

Students are encouraged to study together, and to discuss lecture topics with one another, but all other work should be completed independently.

Students are expected to adhere to the standards of academic honesty and integrity that are described in the Huazhong University of Science & Technology's *Academic Conduct Code*.

Any work suspected of violating the standards of the *Academic Conduct Code* will be reported to the Dean's Office. Penalties for violating the *Academic Conduct Code* may include dismissal from the program. All students have an individual responsibility to know and understand the provisions of the *Academic Conduct Code*.

Special Needs or Assistance:

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.