



POL 1310: Introduction to World Politics

2023 Summer Session	
Total Class Sessions: 25 Class Sessions Per Week: 5 Total Weeks: 5 Class Session Length (Minutes): 145 Credit Hours: 4	Instructor: Staff Classroom: TBA Office Hours: TBA Language: English

Course Description:

This course examines 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 include rise, development and changes of the nation-state system; patterns and causes of international conflict and cooperation; the environment, redistribution of wealth, security and human rights; international law, organizations, and transnational institutions; the roles of both state and non-state actors in international politics; and the methods used to understand this field.

Course Materials:

World Politics: Interests, Interactions, and Institutions,

Jeffrey A. Frieden, David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz, 4th edition

Course Assignments:

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.

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.

2 midterm exams

Two non-cumulative in-class closed-book mid-term exams will be taken. Each exam is not 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 35% of the final grade.

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

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.

Course Assessment:

Homework Assignments	10%
Quizzes (5 out of 7)	15%
Midterm Exams 1	20%
Midterm Exams 2	20%
Final Exam	35%
Total	100%

Grading Scale (percentage):

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

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 Chengdu University of 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.

Course Schedule:

Class 1:

Course Overview

Go through Syllabus

Introduction to Global Politics

Class 2:

The modern world system

The Evolution of Global Politics

Borders and territory in the ancient world

Class 3:

Quiz 1

Globalization

World has become more globalized, or less globalized?

Class 4:

Power and Policy

Evolution of international society (before 1900)

Class 5:

State autonomy

The modern state system

Class 6:

Quiz 2

Meddlers and Managers

Global and Regional Governance

Class 7:

Fire-starters and Smokejumpers

Border crossers and border crossings

Class 8:

Quiz 3

Global Politics:

Realism and Liberalism

Power of military and war

Class 9:

Liberalism



International Law
Review for midterm 1

Class 10:
Midterm 1

Class 11:
Neo-liberalism
Neo-realism

Class 12:
Regimes
Global security

Class 13:
Quiz 4
International society from 1900-the end of the cold war
What impact did the Cuban missile crisis have on world politics?
Warfare

Class 14:
Security and Military Power
How real is the nuclear threat?

Class 15:
Quiz 5
Violence
Terrorism
Bin Laden

Class 16:
Moral Outrage
Human Rights and Human Security

Class 17:
Quiz 6
Introduction to Political Economy
Marxism and North- South relations
Economic gap between the First World and the Third World

Class 18:
Gender in Politics and economic factors
Constructivism and Culture
Review for midterm 2



Class 19:
Midterm 2

Class 20:
Nationalism
Human Rights
Human Security

Class 21:
The Majority World:
Poverty, Development, and Hunger
Environmental Issues

Class 22:
Quiz 7
Environmental Issues (Cont.)
Technological solution to global warming
International Political Economy

Class 23:
Global Trade and Finance
International Organizations
Transnational actors

Class 24:
Nuclear Issues
Rogue States and Global issues

Class 25:
NPT in preventing nuclear proliferation
Wrap-up
Review for final

Final Exam (Cumulative): TBA