

Syllabus for International Affairs 100-Global Studies  
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**Introduction:**

This class is a survey course in global political, economic and social activities. Note that this is a lecture class. While you will be responsible for active participation in the conversation or debate in which we find ourselves, the majority of the class will be spent in lecture. Discussion will be on the material assigned to be read for the week and will follow the syllabus as well as circumstances permit. Be prepared for each lecture by reading all of the assigned material before entering class.

**Requirements:**

1. Attend class regularly.
2. Participate in discussions. Points will be assigned for participation. Participation is expected to be intelligent and insightful without any individual dominating class discussion.
3. Bring the necessary readings to class. We will be referring to the text as we discuss.
4. Read all assignments *before* the week that they will be discussed.
5. Hand in all assignments on time. While situations may arise that would require consideration, for the most part late assignments will not be accepted.

**Additionally:**

This class will follow all university guidelines and policy regarding plagiarism, cheating, and other unethical academic conduct and prohibited behavior. Cheating of any sort will not be tolerated. Students deemed to have committed any unethical academic act will be punished according to university policy. No exceptions will be made.

Students who have particular needs as required by a verified handicap should report those needs to me immediately. All efforts will be made, according to university policy, to accommodate such students in this classroom.

Don't forget--email me with "IAFF 100" . . . in the subject line if you need to contact me in the event of an emergency, to schedule an appointment, etc.: ex. Subject: IAFF 100 Absent Due to Meeting with the SecDef

**Texts:**

None – all readings are available on the internet.

**Grading**

This course will follow a basic breakdown of points as a percentage of the total possible.

A = 100-93% A- = under 93% to 90%

B+ = under 90% to 86% B = under 86% to 83% B- = under 83% to 80%

C+ = under 80% to 76% C = under 76% to 73% C- = under 73% to 70%

D+ = under 70% to 66% D = under 66% to 63% D- = under 63% to 60%

F = under 60%

### Points Possible

The total points possible in this course will be 1000 of which:  
600 points will be distributed over four exams at 150 points per exam;  
200 points will be distributed over TWO panel discussions (Choose from three areas.)  
200 points will be possible with quizzes, participation and attendance.  
Participation points are easy to earn. Just be ready to contribute in class!

Bear in mind that participation and attendance points are *earned* just as any other points are earned. Poor attendance will result in low points awarded for attendance and participation. This is the daily schedule for the course. Please understand that flexibility may be required and situations may arise that would require alterations in the schedule. By attending class on a regular basis, students will be abreast of any changes that need be made to the schedule.

### Special Instructions for Panels:

**Panel discussions occur on the Wednesday of the week that we discuss the global issue corresponding with the discussion. Sign up early to be sure to get the issue areas that are most important to you. Know the issues well to ensure the best grade as you will have to field questions from me and from students not participating in the panels.**

**The weeks during which panel discussions are held have only one chapter assigned for reading. Outside research to familiarize yourself better with the issues and the arguments your side will make is crucial. No group meetings outside class are required. However, you may want to schedule a time when your group can meet to agree upon the most important arguments. Or you can email lists back and forth until there is a consensus.**

**Instructions for getting on panels will be given in class. Make a note of what panels you have requested. There are six topics available. You must only choose one.**

### Semester Schedule

Week:	Readings:
Week One: Introduction to Global Studies	No Readings
Week Two: Primary Theories	<a href="http://www.people.vcu.edu/~wnewmann/468theory.htm">http://www.people.vcu.edu/~wnewmann/468theory.htm</a>
Week Three: Secondary Theories	<a href="http://www.irtheory.com/">http://www.irtheory.com/</a>
Week Four: Minor Theories	<a href="http://www.irtheory.com/">http://www.irtheory.com/</a>
	<i>Examination #1                      Wednesday</i>
Week Five: Cultures of Old	<a href="http://eawc.evansville.edu/">http://eawc.evansville.edu/</a>
Week Six: Modern Cultures	<a href="http://www.wsu.edu/gened/learn-modules/top_culture/culture-index.html">http://www.wsu.edu/gened/learn-modules/top_culture/culture-index.html</a>

### PANEL DISCUSSION

Week Seven: Modern Cultures continued	<a href="http://www.wsu.edu/gened/learn-modules/top_culture/culture-index.html">http://www.wsu.edu/gened/learn-modules/top_culture/culture-index.html</a>
	<i>Examination #2                      Wednesday</i>

Week Eight: Historical Economics  
<http://members.tripod.com/~sondmor/index-html#TOPIC%20I>

Week Nine: Modern Economics  
<http://william-king.www.drexel.edu/top/prin/txt/whatare.html>  
**PANEL DISCUSSION**

Week Ten: Economic Theories  
<http://william-king.www.drexel.edu/top/prin/txt/whatare.html>

Week Eleven: Economic Theories  
Examination #3                      Wednesday

Week Twelve: Historical Conflict                      <http://classics.mit.edu/Thucydides/pelopwar.html>  
(especially the 2<sup>nd</sup> book and the 8<sup>th</sup> book)

Week Thirteen: Historical Diplomacy                      <http://classics.mit.edu/Thucydides/pelopwar.html>  
(especially the 1<sup>st</sup> book and the 4<sup>th</sup> book)

Week Fourteen: Modern Conflict                      <http://www.globalissues.org/>  
Geopolitics Section  
**PANEL DISCUSSION**

Week Fifteen: Modern Diplomacy                      <http://www.ediplomat.com/nd/history.htm>  
Read also Diplomatic Treaties and Diplomatic Immunity

Week Sixteen    **Final Examination – Check Schedule**