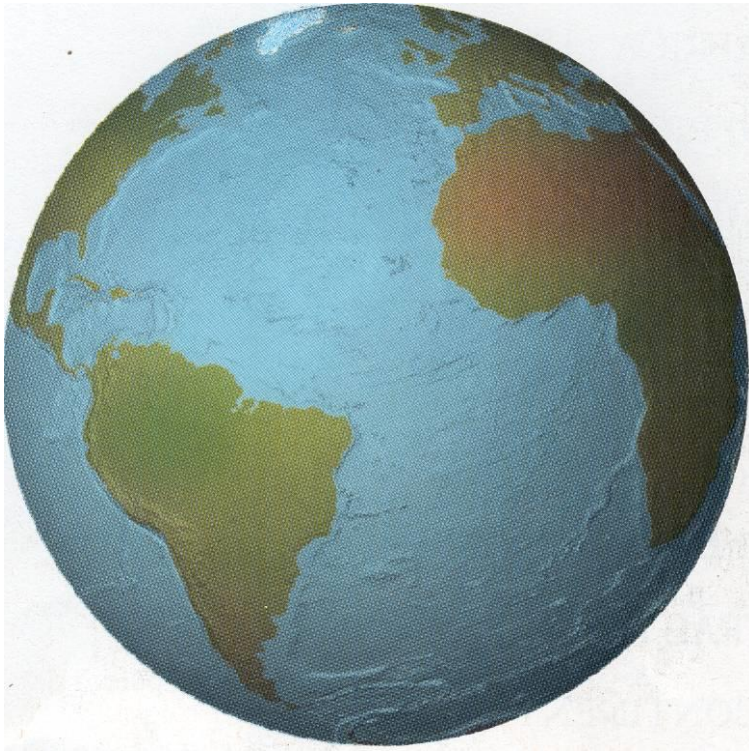


*WELCOME TO YOUR COURSE ON
Contemporary World Affairs: GLOBAL
POLITICS, A WORLD OF CONFLICT
AND COOPERATION!*



“The introduction to the study of international relations in our time is an introduction to the art and science of the survival of mankind”

Karl Deutch (1912-1992)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Course Materials:

1. **Goldstein, S. Joshua: *International Relations*, 10th edition . Longman, New York, (For instructions on weekly reading materials this book would be referred to as “G.” followed by chapter or page number)**
 2. Lectures, case studies, first sources (documents)and selected articles from various magazines, newspaper and web links.
 3. Updated political map of the world: <http://www.mapsofworld.com/world-political-map.htm>
 4. CIA Factbook at: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>
 5. U.N. Charter at : <http://www.un.org/en/documents/charter/index.shtml>
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Week of **Concepts & Theories**

2/11 Understanding International Relations. International Politics in a globalized world. Conflict & cooperation among nations & institutions.
International Systems, actors and Theories. The Cold & Post Cold War “G” Ch. 1

2/18 International Security & Power Politics: The School of Realpolitik.
The International System Today. 9/11. The West & the Middle East “G” Chapter 2

2/25 International Security& Power Politics continues.

3/4 International Political Economy (IPE)
Trade Theories, International Trade Regimes & globalization. “G” Chapter 8

3/11 IPE continues.

3/18 Exam 1

ECONOMIC REGIONS AND CULTURAL BLOCKS

3/25 Supranationalism: The European Union.
History. Membership. Economic & Political Power. Institutions. “G” Chapter 10.

4/1 The New Asia: China & India
Economic Development & Political conflicts. “G” Chapter 13

4/15 The Americas: The United States, NAFTA & The FTAA
History: Winners & Losers. “G” Ch. 13 p. 589-590 & handout.

4/22 Exam II

WORLD POLITICS

4/29 The North-South Gap
The state of the global North and South & their relations. “G” Chapter 12

5/6 Diplomacy , International Law & Organizations
International Law Sources. UN history, goals & institutions.
The UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Human rights violations in the global world. “G” Chapter 7

5/13 The Environment: resources & population. “G” Chapter 11

5/20 Exam III

5/27 Non Instructional Day

5/28 Foreign Policy & World Leadership : U.S. foreign policy Post 9/11. The War on Terror, and the Bush & Obama’s Doctrines
“G” Chapter 4 & handouts

6/3/14 PPP Final Paper Due at 10:15 am!

Tuesday, June 3, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. PPP FINAL PAPER DUE! This paper is worth 30% of your final course grade. Failure to submit your paper on the due date will result in obtaining an “F” letter grade. There will be in class presentations of your papers . Everyone must attend! Even if you send your paper electronically or in person, failure to attend and present your paper will result in a deduction of 20% of your final paper grade.

Course Student Learning Objectives:

At the completion of this course, using the course materials of study and using the learning tools of critical thinking and good communication skills the student will be able to :

- 1) **Differentiate which are the current main actors in world politics** (Nation-states, the G5, G20 nations, failed states, IGOs, NGOs, MNCs and other non governmental groups such as The Olympic Committee, The World Soccer Federation, The Red Cross, Doctors without Borders San Frontiers and terrorist organizations such as Al Qaeda and FARC).

This SLO will be evaluated with Exam 1, homework assignments and the appropriate analysis and application of these concepts in the student’s final paper (PPP) for this course.

- 2) **Distinguish and analyze the main political socio-economic forces that dominate world politics** today such as the organization of the global economy with the IMF, the WTO and the World Bank. North-South issues, the global environment, as well as issues of international security.

This SLO will be evaluated in Exam 2, homework assignments and the appropriate analysis and understanding of these forces in the student's final paper (PPP) for this course

- 3) **To identify and assess the rapid changes that have taken place in the field of international relations since 9/11/01.** The organization of the G20 nations, the rise of China, India, Brazil; the new role of the United States in the world stage and the international security and environmental concerns on population and resources.

This SLO will be evaluated in Exam 3, homework assignments and the proper analysis and application of these concepts in the student's final paper (PPP) for this course.

Each of the three (3) course exams is worth 20% of the total course grade. For a total of 60% The final paper PPP is the most comprehensive work the student does in this course. This is the evaluation tool that summarizes the course content and the student's learning in analysis and application. It is worth 30% of the course's final grade. Class Participation is worth 10% of the final course grade.

**Grade System: 3 in-class written exams: 60% of the course grade
Political Participation Project (PPP): 30%. Final Paper
Class Participation 10%.**

Exams (3 exams):

Each exam is worth 20% of your course grade. Each exam has 3 sections: Multiple Choice (25 questions (2pts each=50 points). Be sure to bring a scantron form 882E(100 questions) for this section of your test. The second section is a fill-in section with 5 questions (2 pts) each for 10 points. The third and last section is an Essay Section (2 essays (each worth 20 pts= 40 pts). For a total of 100 pts.

Grade Breakdown:

100%A+	88-89%B+
94-99%..... A	84-87%.....B
90-93%.....A-	80-83%.....B-
78-79%.....C+	68-69%.....D+
74-77%.....C	64-67%.....D
70-73%.....C-	60-63%.....D-
	59% and below F

Note: Final course grades will be solid letter grades. No minus or pluses are accepted at the office of admissions and records. Therefore, your total course average from the 3 exams and the PPP will be calculated as 90% of your grade, and up to 10% will be added for class participation. The result of this computing operation will be your final course grade.

Political Participation Project (PPP) (15-20 pages research/participation paper). This is a very important part of your learning in this course. **It is worth 30% of your total course grade.** In lieu of a regular final exam, you will work on a project of political participation about an international public or private organization. This may be a specific nation-state's government, an

international governmental organization (IGO), a non-governmental organization (NGO) or a corporation. You need to present a 15-20 page essay of your research and/ or participation in this organization on Tuesday, June 3, 2014. You need to let me know in writing your paper's topic by 4/1/14 and turn in your project draft on 5/13/14 if you wish me to review it and give you my feedback. Projects are due on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 10:15 a.m. There will be class presentations of the projects on that final exam day from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Anyone who turns in the paper but misses the class presentations will have 20% deducted from his/her project grade.
NO EXEMPTIONS !

Make Up Exams:

If you failed to take an exam on the scheduled date, you may take a make-up exam provided that you present a valid excuse before or immediately after the scheduled exam. **YOU MUST schedule a new exam immediately after the missed exam, and no later than one week from the date of the scheduled regular exam.** If you do not take the make up exam at the agreed upon date and time, your missed exam will be graded with a letter "F".

Class participation: 10% of your total course grade! It includes but is not limited to your class preparation, participation in class discussions, questions, comments and up to 3 short homework assignments.

Attendance : Good attendance is proven to be an essential part of your academic success. I keep strict records of attendance. It is your obligation to attend class and be current with class materials and exams. If you choose to drop this class and you do not want a "W" in your records, you must do so officially with the office of Admissions by 2/21/14. The deadline to drop with a "W" is 5/9/14. If you don't drop the class officially, you may remain listed as a student in this class even if you are not attending the class, you will be given an "F" as a final course grade. If you fail to attend 2 weeks of instruction (or 4 classes), you will be dropped out from the class. 3 late arrivals or early departures will be considered as one absence.

Course Material:

It consists of the assigned chapters in the book, plus study questions, handouts, videos and lectures. The student is responsible for keeping track of all course materials and studying them for every exam.

Student Conduct:

You are expected to abide by the norms of the LACCD Board of Trustees and the California Education Code. (See West Catalog). Student use of electronic devices during class, or voice taping and/or video taping of my lectures are not permitted unless there is an official college written request for accommodation of DSP students, or the uses of these devices is directed by the instructor as part of a learning exercise.

Academic Honor Code: Each student understands and honors the value of academic integrity in all his/her academic endeavors including tests, quizzes, written assignments and final paper (PPP). Cheating and Plagiarism in a particular test or written assignment will result in an "F" grade for that particular assignment and any other appropriate disciplinary actions related to student conduct.

Communication with Instructor:

The best way to contact me is after class during my office hours listed on the first page of this syllabus. However, you can also send me an email to shewfeo@wlaac.edu, or call and leave a message in my office. **Last, ONLY in case of an emergency contact me at my cell phone at (213) 392-0489.**