

Political Science 2100  
**Introduction to International Relations**

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**Course Description, Goals, and Method:**

This course will give you more international/participatory experience than any similar intro-level class at a large research university. Mahmoud Hamad (the lead TA), and I won an award for this class, because we have integrated simulations (role-playing) of international organizations into the class activities. Each one of you, during the course of the Semester, will be taking part in a realistic re-enactment of the United Nations Security Council, the World Trade Organization or the European Union. Thus, you will be “acting” as professional diplomats, and will gain valuable skills for any internationally-oriented career or further studies you might pursue. This is a demanding, intense, challenging and fun course. Your horizons will be expanded, and you will learn to see world politics in a new way.

**Textbook:**

Goldstein and Pevehouse, *International Relations* 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, packaged with MyPoliSciKit (REQUIRED!). The edition on sale at the bookstore comes with an access code to get into MyPoliSciKit, which is 15% of your course grade. If you do not buy the book at the bookstore, you will need to buy access to MyPoliSciKit at their website, <http://www.mypoliscikit.com> for \$14.95. It is your responsibility to make sure that you get access to MyPoliSciKit. Technical problems will not be accepted as an excuse for not completing the MyPoliSciKit portion of the class assignments (15% of your grade).

(NOTE: there is also a “Brief Edition” of this textbook on sale on the Internet – do NOT buy this edition – it will not help you study for the quizzes and tests because the chapters do not match).

## Grading Criteria:

- **Simulation Participation: 24%.** In the first week of class you will sign up for one of the three simulations (UN, WTO, EU) that we will be conducting in this class. You will only have to participate in one of the three. Each of the three groups will meet during three class sessions to prepare for the final session, which is a 2-hour meeting outside of class time. So, you do not have to attend the six class-time sessions that are not part of your simulation, only the three in-class preparations and one 2-hour meeting for your simulation. Attendance at these four sessions are mandatory, and are a large part of your grade. Do not sign up for a simulation unless you are 100% sure that you will not have a scheduling conflict. There will be no exceptions to this policy. Although you will all get six free days, this time will be spent doing independent research and planning to prepare for your performance in the final simulation, outside of class time, where you will be expected to dress and conduct yourselves like professional diplomats. There will be a Course WebCT site with information on Simulations as well as all the PowerPoint slides for the class lectures.
- **Four Multiple Choice Quizzes: 16%.** This quizzes will all be held on Thursdays, at the beginning of class, and will have thirteen questions, three of which are extra credit. In other words, you can miss three questions and still get a 100% score. The questions on the quizzes will very closely resemble the multiple-choice quizzes for that chapter on MyPoliSciKit, which will be a great way to study! If you miss a quiz, or come too late to class to take it, the quiz must be made up during my office hours (Tuesday 3-5) the following week, and the three extra credit questions will not be on the quiz. There will be no exceptions to this policy.
- **MyPoliSciKit: 15%.** This is an online website that goes with the textbook. As mentioned above, you will either need to buy the textbook edition at the bookstore that comes packaged with an access code to MyPoliSciKit, or else buy yourself a code. Once you have the code, I will give you instructions on how to “join the class” online, using a unique class ID number for our course. Make sure you sign up using the correct edition (8<sup>th</sup>) of our textbook. By the end of the Semester, you will need to finish the following four activities to get full credit: the Mapping Exercises, the “Concept Checks” for all simulations, and the multiple choice and true/false tests for every chapter. You can do any of these activities as many times as you want. Only your final score will be counted. Computer problems will not be accepted as an excuse for not completing these exercises by the end of the Semester.
- **Mid-Term Exam: 20%.** The Mid-Term Exam will require a blue-book and will have three essay questions, each of which will take roughly 15 minutes to answer. The three questions will be taken directly (word-for-word) from the “Critical Thinking” questions at the end of Chapters 1-5, 7-9 and 12-13, which will help you know exactly what to study. If you are unable to fit the Mid-Term exam into your schedule, it can be made up in the office hours in the week following the exam.
- **Final Exam: 25%.** Like the Mid-Term Exam, the Final Exam will require a blue-book, and will be three essay questions, each of which will take roughly 15 minutes to answer. The final exam will be comprehensive (covering the whole book), but you will have a choice of questions to answer. **NO MAKE-UP TIMES CAN BE SCHEDULED FOR THE FINAL EXAM.** There will be no exceptions to this policy.

The University of Utah, Department of Political Science seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need accommodations in this class, reasonable prior notice needs to be given to the instructor and to the Center for Disability Services, <http://disability.utah.edu/> 162 Olpin Union Bldg, 581-5020 (V/TDD) to make arrangements for accommodations. This information is available in alternative format with prior notification.

### **Student Academic Conduct:**

**The University of Utah’s policies pertaining to Academic Misconduct and Dishonesty will be carefully observed and strictly enforced in this class. This policy appears on pages 11-13 of the 2000-2002 General Catalog and in the electronic Policy and Procedures Manual at <http://www.admin.utah.edu/ppmanual/8/8-10.html>**

Any instance of plagiarism, or other forms of academic misconduct, will result in a failing grade for that assignment and may also result in a failing grade for the course. The University’s definition of plagiarism is as follows:

“Plagiarism” means the intentional unacknowledged use or incorporation of any other person's work in, or as a basis for, one's own work offered for academic consideration or credit or for public presentation. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, representing as one's own, without attribution, any other individual’s words, phrasing, ideas, sequence of ideas, information or any other mode or content of expression.

### Class Schedule

Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>  
Lecture – Chapter One  
Sign up For Simulations

Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Quiz – Chapter Two**

Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
Lecture – Chapter Two

Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Quiz – Chapter Three**

Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Lecture – Chapter Three

Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>  
UNITED NATIONS ONLY (opening prep session)

Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>  
Lecture – Chapter Seven

Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>  
UNITED NATIONS ONLY (prep session)

Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>  
Lecture – Chapter Twelve

Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>  
UNITED NATIONS ONLY (final prep session)

Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>  
Lecture – Chapter Thirteen  
***UNITED NATIONS SIMULATION (3-5 pm)***

Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
WTO ONLY (opening prep session)

Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>  
Lecture – Chapter Eight

Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>  
WTO ONLY (prep session)

Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>  
Lecture – Chapter Nine

Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>  
WTO ONLY (final prep session)

Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Lecture – Chapter Four  
***WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION SIMULATION (7-9 pm)***

Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Quiz – Chapter Five**

Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Lecture – Chapter Five

Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
**Mid-Term Exam (covers Chapters 1-5, 7-9, 12-13 only)**

Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>  
Film – “The Fog of War”

Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

**Quiz – Chapter Six**

Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

Lecture – Chapter Six

Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

EU ONLY (opening prep session)

Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

Lecture – Chapter Ten

Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

EU ONLY (prep session)

Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

Lecture – Chapter Eleven

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

EU ONLY (final prep session)

***Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>***

***EUROPEAN UNION SIMULATION (12-2 pm)***

Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**FINAL EXAM (Covers ALL book chapters)**