

**Introduction to Global Studies I: People and Politics**  
**Global Studies 101**  
**Section 001**

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TR 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM  
Lapham Hall N101  
Prerequisite: None

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This is the first in a three-semester series of core courses designed to introduce students to the field of global studies and to processes of globalization. The course's approach is interdisciplinary and thematic, with special attention to the political, economic, social, historical and cultural patterns that are defining the modern world – its “peoples” and its “politics.”

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Goldstein, Joshua S., and Jon C. Pevehouse. 2006. *International Relations*. 7<sup>th</sup> ed. New York: Pearson Longman.

The text is available in the university bookstore. You are certainly welcome to purchase it elsewhere; just make sure you get the correct textbook and that you get it in a reasonable period of time. You are expected to keep up with the readings, which means that you should read all assigned materials *before* coming to class. Only in doing so will you be able to participate fully in class discussions. Getting an A or B in this class is highly contingent on reading the assigned chapters and keeping up with what's going on in and out of class. Along these lines, I recommend reading a national newspaper, watching some form of national news on TV, or accessing national news via the internet or radio. We will be discussing current issues as they relate to people and politics throughout the semester and it is in your best interest to keep up with late-breaking news.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:** Your grade will be based on the following components: three exams, and five quizzes. The calculation of your grade will be determined as follows:

EXAM 1: 25% (**Tuesday, February 20, in class**)

EXAM 2: 25% (**Tuesday, April 3, in class**)

FINAL EXAM: 30% (**Monday, May 14, 10:00-12:00 noon**)

QUIZZES: 20%

94%-100% = A

87%-89% = B+

77%-79% = C+

67%-69% = D+

0%-59% = F

90%-93% = A-

84%-86% = B

74%-76% = C

64%-66% = D

80%-83% = B-

70%-73% = C-

60%-63% = D-

**EXAMS:** All of the exams will cover material included in the assigned readings and class lectures. The first and second exams will only include material covered up to each exam date. The final exam will be comprehensive, although a majority of it will focus on material covered after the second exam. All exams may include map identifications, true/false statements, multiple-choice questions, matching sections, and identifications. All students are expected to take the exams on the assigned dates. *Absolutely no makeup exams will be given without a university-approved excuse.* Also, according to university policy, final examinations cannot be scheduled at a different time during the examination period or at a time preceding the examination period.

**QUIZZES:** I will administer 5 quizzes periodically throughout the semester. These quizzes will be based on assigned readings. I will announce the dates of quizzes one week prior to when they will be administered. Therefore, it is obviously in your interest to regularly attend lectures so that you will be aware of upcoming quizzes. I will also announce quizzes on the D2L website so be sure to access it often. These quizzes will ordinarily consist of 10 multiple choice and true/false questions and will be administered at the beginning of the class session; therefore, you will need to be in class on time. Make-up quizzes will be administered only in cases where the student has a bona fide and documented reason for missing the quiz, i.e., sickness, family emergency, etc. Each quiz will be worth 20 points.

**ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION:** Attending class lectures is an integral part of succeeding in this course. However, because of the size of the class I cannot take attendance during lecture sessions. I can assure you, though, that excessive absences will negatively affect your test scores and overall course grade. I encourage students to participate in class lectures and discussions as opportunities arise for doing so. Moreover, high grades on exams will be difficult to attain if attendance and participation are not regular because lectures and discussions will cover material not included in the text and test questions will also come from these lectures and discussions. No extra credit assignments will be given.

**UWM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:** The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has several policies concerning students with disabilities, accommodations for religious observances, students called to active military duty, incompletes, discriminatory conduct, academic misconduct, and so forth available for you to read using the following link: <http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SecU/SyllabusLinks.pdf>. I strongly encourage you to access this link and familiarize yourself with these policies and procedures.

**TOPICS, READING ASSIGNMENTS, AND EXAM SCHEDULE:** (Tentative and subject to change; lectures will also draw from sources not covered in the readings)

Introduction

1. Understanding International Relations and Globalization

IR as a Field of Study, Approaches and Methods in studying IR, Actors in the International System, Level of Analysis, History and Geography

Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 1

2. People and Power

Concept of Power, Measuring Power, Types of Power, Distribution of Power  
Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 2, 3

3. People and States

Nation-states, Roles of Government, Substate Actors, Foreign Policy, Integration  
Reading: Goldstein, Chps. 4, 10

**First Exam: February 20 (Tuesday)**

4. People and Conflicts

Causes of War, Types of Conflicts, Terrorism, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Deterrence  
Reading: Goldstein, Chps. 5, 6

5. People and Justice

International Organizations and Law, World Order, The United Nations, International Law and Sovereignty, Human Rights  
Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 7

6. Environment and Population

Interdependence and the Environment, Managing the Environment, Natural Resources, Pollution, Population, Migration  
Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 11

7. Crime and Health Issues

Drugs, Slavery and Human Trafficking, Diseases

**Second Exam: April 3 (Tuesday)**

8. International Political Economy and Globalization

Markets, Trade Strategies, Trade Regimes, Ideologies in IPE  
Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 8

9. Money and Business

The Currency System, State Financial Positions, Multinational Business  
Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 9

10. The North-South Gap

Poverty, Theories of Accumulation, Imperialism, The State of the South, Revolution  
Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 12

11. International Development

Development Models, North-South Business, Foreign Assistance  
Reading: Goldstein, Ch. 13

**Final Exam: 10:00-12:00 noon May 14 (Monday)**