

Political Science 405Z Section 001: International Security Fall 2007

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This course will examine the causes, effects, and strategies for addressing problems related to war and peace in world politics as well as other events and forces that impact on the security of a nation state. Students will consider topics such as the nature of armed conflicts, arms proliferation, and terrorism. Both contemporary and historical international conflicts will be discussed.

Readings

- *Understanding Global Security* by Peter Hough
- *International Security: Problems and Solutions* by Patrick M. Morgan

Additional readings will be available on the class webpage.

Requirements

1. Readings: Students are expected to have read assigned chapters in the textbook and other readings before class.
2. Research Papers: For this course, each student will submit an individual research paper. In addition, students will work in groups to produce a second research paper and an oral presentation. Details on both these assignments are provided in a separate handout.
3. Examinations: There will be a mid-term and a final exam. The examinations are not cumulative. Make-up exams for the first exams will be given on the last day of class only. There will be no make-up exam for the final exam and students may not take final exam early. You may not use a dictionary (hardcopy or electronic) during an examination
4. Communications: Official university communications, including those from the instructor, will be sent to students' RebelMail account. Students are responsible for all information provided in this manner. Grades will be posted on the class WebCT site.
5. Attendance: Students are expected to attend every class session. More than four unexcused absences will result in a reduction of the final course grade by one letter grade. Requests for absences to be excused will require documentation and must be discussed with Dr. Hanks before the class.

Grading

Examinations (2 @ 20% each)	40%
Individual Research Paper	
Bibliography	2%
First 3 pages of paper	3%
Final paper	30%

Group Paper	
Written	15%
Oral Presentation	10%

90% - 100% = A	60% - 69% = D	below 60% = F
80% - 89% = B	70% - 79% = C	

Academic Integrity

“Academic integrity is a legitimate concern for every member of the campus community; all share in upholding the fundamental values of honesty, trust, respect, fairness, responsibility and professionalism. By choosing to join the UNLV community, students accept the expectations of the Academic Misconduct Policy and are encouraged when faced with choices to always take the ethical path.” - *Student Academic Misconduct Policy*

For this course, any attempt to cheat on an examination or to present someone else’s work (including material copied from the Internet) as your own for a written assignment will be subject to the most severe penalty the University allows.

Classroom Etiquette

Students must arrive on time and be prepared to begin class on time. If late arrivals become a problem, the doors will be locked once class has started. No food or beverage (except water) is allowed in the classroom. Classroom behavior should always be courteous, respectful of others, and consistent with the expectations set forth by the university.

Electronic Devices

No personal electronic devices of any kind may be used in the classroom. Cell phones and pagers must be turned off and stored out of sight. Recording devices of any kind are strictly prohibited as are laptop or other computers. The only exception will be for individuals with documented disabilities. These individuals must provide written proof of the need for a device from the UNLV Disabilities Resource Center.

Religious Holidays and Official Extracurricular Activities

If the date of any of the examinations conflicts with a religious holiday that you observe or an official extracurricular activity, the instructor must be notified no less than 1 week prior to the examination so that alternative arrangements can be made. For extracurricular activities official documentation will be required. If you are going to miss a class when homework is due, you are expected to turn your homework in at a previous class so that no late penalty is applied.

Writing Center and Other Student Assistance

One-on-one or small group assistance with writing is available free of charge to students at the Writing Center, located in CDC-301. Although some drop-in times are sometimes available, students with appointments will receive priority assistance. Appointments may be made in person or by calling (702) 895-3908. When you go to your appointment, please bring a copy of your assignment and two copies of any writing that you may have completed on it. One copy will be for you to use, and the second copy will be for the consultant to use. Another source of information on UNLV organizations whose purpose is to support students' academic activities, a short description of their function, and contact information can be found at http://tlc.unlv.edu/student_success.htm

Disabilities

UNLV complies with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and offers reasonable accommodations to qualified students with documented disabilities. If you have a documented disability that may require accommodations, you will need to contact the Disabilities Resource Center for the coordination of services. The DRC is located in the Student Services Complex (SSC), Room 137, and the contact numbers are: VOICE (702) 895-0866, TTY (702) 895-0652, FAX (702) 895-0651. For additional information, please visit: <<http://studentlife.unlv.edu/disability/>>.

Schedule

The dates of the examinations and the homework due dates on the following schedule are firm. The topics to be covered may change.