

POLI 2057  
Introduction to International Politics  
Spring 2014  
Monday 4:00-7:00 p.m. 203 Tureaud

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11:30-12:30 MWF  
3:00-4:00 MW

OBJECTIVE: Poli Sci 2057 is a general education requirement course for social science undergraduates. The course is designed to provide students with an introductory insight into the process, the progress and the problems in the conduct of the world politics. In particular, we will discuss the flow of change and continuity as well as the twists of conflict and cooperation in World Affairs. By the end of the semester, it is expected that students should have been educated in the knowledge of global interaction to the extent that they can explain and analyze events and trends in the contemporary world.

TEXTBOOKS: There is only one textbook required for this course:

Steven Lamy: Introduction to Global Politics (Brief)  
New York: Oxford University Press, 2014

In addition, New York Times readings will be assigned.

EXAMS & PAPERS: As part of the general education requirement, (all sections of 2057) will do standard multiple choice questions during the midterm and final. There will be other multiple choice questions assigned from the NYT. A major essay question will also be administered to all 2057 sections. Much of the content of the midterm and final exam (essays and definitions) come from the lectures. You will select an on-going topic in the news and examine key issues and themes generated from it in your research paper topic.

GRADES/ASSIGNMENT DATES: Will be determined according to the following formula:

Class Participation	10 pts
Early Take-Home	10 pts (Due Mon. Feb. 10)
In-Class Midterm	20 pts (Mon. March 10)
Multiple Choice Tests (2)	10 pts (with Midterm Oct. 10; and April 28)
Research Paper	10 pts (Due Mon. April 21)
Final	<u>40 pts</u> (Mon. May 05; 4:00pm-6:00pm)
	100 pts

A= 100 - 88

B=87.9 - 78

C=77.9 - 68

D=67.9 - 60

F=below 60

## LECTURE OUTLINE

Jan. 24	Course Intro: Relevance and Complexity Lamy, Chapter 1
Feb. 03	Background to the Study of World Politics Lamy, Chapter 2
Feb. 10	Take-Home Exam Due The Theories of International Relations Lamy, Chapters 3 & 4 The Actors of World Politics The Role of Domestic Context Lamy, Chapters 5, 6 & 7
Feb. 17	Conflict in World Politics: The Conduct of War Lamy, Chapters 8 & 9
Feb. 24	Cooperation in World Politics: The Conduct of Diplomacy Lamy, Chapter 5
March 10	Mid-Term (In-Class); Includes NYT Multiple Choice Section
March 17-24	Relations among Industrialized Countries: The U.S. and EU, Japan and Canada Lamy, Chapters 11 & 12
March 31-April 07	Relations between Industrialized and Developing Countries: The Changing Tides Lamy, Chapter 13
April 21	Research Paper Due Relations with Communist and Former Communist States Transculturalism Global Problems
April 28	NYT Multiple Choice Test/Review Session/Course Evaluation
May 05	In-Class Final Exam (4:00pm-6:00pm)