Gov 360N: Global Governance (38765)
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Course Overview:

This course examines the forces that shape global stability (and instability). Building on a basic framework outlining how and why actors interact in the international system, this course will explore how states design and agree to international agreements, what those agreements consist of, and how those agreements influence state behavior. The course will also expose students to studies of international law and organizations across several issues areas, including security, international trade, international finance, the environment, and human rights.

Course Structure and Policies:

1. **Readings:** The following book is required for this course and available from the University Coop Bookstore. All other readings will be made available electronically through Blackboard. Recommended readings are obviously not required but are a start for further reading for those of you interested in particular topics. You are responsible for completing the readings for the class session for which the readings are listed. Typically we will cover the book chapter on Tuesday and supplementary articles on Thursday.
   

2. **Communication:** I will normally post course announcements on Blackboard, but you are responsible for any and all announcements made during the class period. It is a good idea to check with friends if you miss class. Otherwise, contact me if you have questions or concerns.

3. **Deadlines, Exams, absences:** Absolutely no late assignments will be accepted or alternate exam arrangements made, with the exception of an illness, a university-approved function, or death in the immediate family that clearly interferes with your ability to finish the assignment on time. Documentation is required for each of the above and you are required to inform me before the deadline or scheduled exam time. Acceptable documentation for illness must come from health services or a doctor and demonstrate that you are physically unable to attend exam or
complete an assignment. Failure to notify me will result in a zero for the assignment or exam.

4. **Class conduct:**

   a. *Technology*: Please silence and put away all electronic devices prior to the start of class. If you are seen with a cell phone or other electronic device during an exam, you will automatically receive a zero, **no exceptions**. Laptops may be used for notes. If you are seen using a laptop for non-class related purposes, you will be given one warning. Any subsequent occurrences of inappropriate laptop usage will result in an individual ban on laptop usage for the remainder of the semester. **If you require a device for disability purposes please see me and provide documentation from the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office** ([http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/ssd/ 512-471-6259](http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/ssd/ 512-471-6259))

   b. *Punctuality*: Please be on time to class. It is inconsiderate to your classmates and disruptive to the classroom environment to arrive after class has begun. If you must arrive late or leave early, please be discrete and respect your classmates.

**Assignments and Grading**

Your grade will be composed of the following:

- 25% participation and “expert discussion leading”
- 25% exam 1
- 25% exam 2
- 25% exam 3

**Grade Scale** (final grades rounded to nearest whole number):

- 93 and above  A
- 90-92   A -
- 87-89   B+
- 83-86   B
- 80-82   B-
- 77-79   C+
- 73-76   C
- 70-72   C-
- 67-69   D+
- 63-66   D
- 60-62   D-
- 59 and below  F
**Participation and expert assignments:** The course will be part lecture, part participatory discussion. You will be individually responsible for one supplementary reading during the semester. During the week we cover that reading you will be one of the class “experts,” responsible for answering questions about the article. As part of this assignment, you will prepare a 1-2 page response paper about the article that summarizes the core argument and provides a brief reaction to the piece and circulate three questions about the topic on blackboard by 10 pm the night prior to the class. The 1-2 page paper is do at the beginning of class on the Thursday of the week we cover your topic. We will prepare a thread in the “discussion board” section of blackboard, and you may post your discussion questions in that thread. The first week of class we will distribute a sign up sheet for the various assignments. Please review the course schedule and select a reading that appears interesting to you.

Additionally, although this class is primarily lecture format, your regular attendance and participation, in addition to your expert assignment, will be factored into this portion of your grade. We will circulate a sign up sheet at the beginning of class each day (after a 10 minute grace period). If you enter class late enough to miss circulation of the sign up sheet, you will not be allowed to sign it after class. I will distribute lecture slides after each class, but only to individuals in attendance that day. You may not redistribute the slides in any form or share the slides to class members who missed class; if you are found doing so, it will be considered academic misconduct (see below) and you will be referred to the dean of students office. (Sharing notes that you personally take during class is acceptable). If you miss a class for a legitimate reason (see deadlines, exams, absences above) you may see the TA for access to the slides for that day.

**Academic Misconduct:** All violations of university academic conduct guidelines, including plagiarism, will be referred to the dean of students office and will result in a zero on the assignment or exam in question. Plagiarism is the use of others’ ideas or work without credit and/or presenting derivative work as one’s own. This includes, but is not limited to, cutting and pasting from someone else’s work or an internet source, failing to identify exact quotes, failing to cite a source for information that is only available from that source, failing to cite a source for an idea or argument you borrowed from that source, and turning in work that is not your own.

**A note on citation style and plagiarism:** You should directly cite when you state arguments that are not your own or provide evidence that is not common knowledge. When in doubt, cite or ask me. Citations can also be used to direct your reader to the scholarly articles(s) you’re referring to when you make a claim or argument. Direct quotations should also include a page number. Please use in-text citations of the form (author year, page number), although page numbers are not necessary unless you use a direct quote or very close paraphrase. Please provide a list of sources (following the style of the syllabus reading list), at the end of your paper.

**Exams:** There will be three in class exams designed to assess your knowledge of material covered in class. The exams will be primarily multiple choice but will also consist of
several short essay questions. These exams will be closed note, closed book, and you are not required to cite materials, although you may find it useful.


**University Honor Code:** The core values of the University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity and responsibility. Each member of the University is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness and respect towards peers and community.

**Students with disabilities** may request appropriate academic accommodations from the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, Services for Students with Disabilities, 471-6259, [http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/ ssd/](http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/ ssd/)

**Notice regarding accommodations for religious holidays:** By UT Austin policy, you must notify me of your pending absence at least fourteen days prior to the date of observance of a religious holy day. If you must miss a class, an examination, a work assignment, or a project in order to observe a religious holy day, you will be given an opportunity to complete the missed work within a reasonable time after the absence.

**Emergency Evacuation Policy:** In the event of a fire or other emergency, it may be necessary to evacuate a building rapidly. Upon the activation of a fire alarm or the announcement of an emergency in a university building, all occupants of the building are required to evacuate and assemble outside. Once evacuated, no one may re-enter the building without instruction to do so from the Austin Fire Department, University of Texas at Austin Police Department, or Fire Prevention Services office.

Students should familiarize themselves with all the exit doors of each room and building they occupy at the university, and should remember that the nearest exit routes may not be the same as the way they typically enter buildings.

Students requiring assistance in evacuation shall inform their instructors in writing during the first week of class. Faculty members must then provide this information to the Fire Prevention Services office by fax (512-232-2759), with "Attn. Mr. Roosevelt Easley" written in the subject line.

Information regarding emergency evacuation routes and emergency procedures can be found at [http://www.utexas.edu/emergency](http://www.utexas.edu/emergency).
Course Calendar

1. **Introduction 8/30**
   Preface and Chapter 1 in FLS.

2. **A Framework for Understanding World Politics and Global Governance 9/4 – 9/6**
   Chapter 2 in FLS

3. **Bargaining and War 9/11 – 9/13**
   Chapter 3 in FLS


   **Optional:**
   Chapter 4 in FLS


4. **Multilateral Institutions and International Security 9/18 – 9/20**
   Chapter 5 in FLS


   **Optional:**

5. Recap and Exam 1 9/25 – 9/27

6. International Law and Shallow vs. Deep Cooperation 10/2 – 10/4


Optional:


Chapter 11 in FLS


8. The International Criminal Court 10/16 – 10/18


“Why Africa still needs it; the International Criminal Court.” The Economist 4 June 2010.

Recommended:


Chapter 12 in FLS


Recommended:

10. Recap and Exam 2 10/30 – 11/1


Chapter 6 in FLS


Recommended:


Chapters 7 in FLS


“A Good war, the IMF assessed.” The Economist 9 September 2009.

Recommended:

13. **International Monetary Relations and IFIs 11/20 (Thanksgiving holiday 11/22)**

Chapter 8 in FLS

*Expert assignments for this reading are due on Tuesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday

“Over to you, China; China, America, and the Yuan.” *The Economist* 10 April 2010.


Chapter 9 in FLS


**Recommended:**

15. **Recap and Final Exam 12/4-12/7**