

**Political Science 560: International Relations**

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**TAKE-HOME EXAMINATION I (20%)**

**Due at the beginning of class on 21 February 2017**

I expect, and will grade accordingly, that you will comply with the following:

- 1) Essays will be single-spaced with normal default spacing, 1" margins, and of required length or the handwritten equivalent. You will use a font with a size of 11 or 12 and a face such as Times New Roman or the equivalent. Examples of faces you will not use are *courier new* and **O C R**. *Failure to use an appropriate font can cost a 0.5 cut on each essay. Excessively short essays can cost a 0.5 cut for each such essay.*
  - 2) If the requirement is for a "short essay," such an essay will closer in length to a ½ page than not.
  - 3) Each essay will begin with a topic sentence or a thesis statement. *Failure to do this will cost 0.25 each essay.*
  - 4) Remember the need to give credit where credit is due. Look again at the syllabus section on citing sources and plagiarism. When you draw from a reading or another source, credit the reading or source with a note in the form – (Bressler, p. 180). *If I find generally inadequate sourcing, see citations in the syllabus.*
  - 5) You may collaborate, in accordance with the syllabus, on essays marked with a ♦. **In this exam, these are the essays at 17, 18, 23, 31, 34, & 398.** For all other tasks, you may not collaborate. You may, however, use another student's class notes (not exam notes), but this must be done without reference to a specific question. In other words, you cannot just say something like: "Let me see your notes pertaining to question 32." If you collaborate on a marked question or use material gained from another student, credit that student with a footnote in the form – (Sarah Smith).
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**24 JAN** Introduction to the Course

*Topic: The Syllabus*

My website: Ingram, "Syllabus, POLT 560"

1. (0.5) What are the broad objectives and the specific objective for this course?

*Sub-Topic: My Policies and The Schedule*

My website: Ingram, "Syllabus for POLT 403W"

2. **(1.5) In a paragraph, describe** what I expect regarding citations.
3. **(1.5) In a paragraph, describe** what I expect you to have done regarding the reading assignments before each class.
4. (0.5) What happens if you do not turn in all three exams?

*Topic: Critical Course Concepts:*

*Sub-Topic: Your Political Socialization*

My website: Ingram, vu-graph, "Your Orientation to Foreign Affairs"

5. (0.5) What is socialization?

6. (0.5) According to Ingram, how does socialization affect your orientation to foreign affairs?

*Sub-Topic:* Thinking with Bounded Rationality

My website: "Syllabus for POLT 403W," page 2

7. **(1.5) In a paragraph**, describe the two primary parts of thinking with bounded rationality.

*Sub-Topic:* Policy (getting from A to B), where  $B = f(A, w, x, y, \dots)$

My website: Ingram, vu-graph, "Policy"

8. (1) What does  $B = f(A, w, x, y, \dots)$  mean?

*Sub-Topic:* Causation

My website: Ingram, vu-graph, "The Seven Factors of Causation"

9. (1) What is the primary purpose of Ingram's factors of causation?

## STRUCTURE

26 JAN

*Topic:* States and other Global Players (**ALL on Quiz 1**)

My website: Jordan, Chapter 25, "Globalization and Human Security," pp. 538-548

*Global Politics*, Chapter 1, "Introduction to Global Politics," pp. 9-11

My website: Ingram, vu-graph, "The State"

*Topic:* States and Nations (**ALL on Quiz 1**)

My website: Ingram, vu-graph, "Nations and Nationalism"

My website: Paul, "Nations and States," Parts 1 and 2

*Topic:* Polar Worlds

*Wikipedia*, "Polarity (International Relations)," from "Unipolarity" through "Non-Polarity"

10. (3) **In a short essay**, describe the concept of polarity, include unipolarity, bipolarity, multipolarity, and non-polarity.

*Wikipedia*, "Balance of Power," from "Realism and balancing" through "Balance of Threat"

11. (3) **In a short essay**, describe the concept of balance of power, include bandwagoning and balance of threat.

*Topic:* A Pluralist World

My website: NDU, *Global Strategic Assessment 2009*, Chapter 2, "Political Flux in a Non-Polar World," pp. 36-38

My website: Serfaty, "Moving into a Post-Western World," *The Washington Quarterly*, Spring 2011

12. (3) **In a short essay**, describe the pluralist world and explain why Ingram prefers to describe the world as pluralist, not polar.

- 27 JAN**      *Topic:* Decolonization  
                   My website: *New World Encyclopedia*, “Decolonization”  
                   My website: *The Map as History*, “History of Decolonization and  
                   Independence in the 20th Century”

13.    (1.5) **In a paragraph**, describe colonization.  
 14.    (3) **In a short essay**, explain why decolonization was a significant process in the 20<sup>th</sup>  
 century.  
 15.    (1) What major post-World War II decolonization is not mentioned in the reading?

*Topic:* Various Types of States (**ALL on Quiz 1**)  
 My website: Ingram, vu-graph, “Tiers”  
 My website: Rotberg, “The New Nature of Nation-State Failure”  
 My website: Ingram, vu-graph, “Indicators of Failed or Failing States”  
  
 My website: *The Fund for Peace*, press release, 2015  
 My website: *The Fund for Peace*, indicators  
 My website: *The Fund for Peace*, rankings, 2015

*Topic:* Why States Exist, Are Important, and Will Be Long-Lasting (**ALL on Quiz 1**)  
 My website: Paul, “Nations and States,” Part 4  
 My website: Ingram, “Why States Exist, Are Important, and Will Be  
 Long-Lasting”

*Topic:* The State, Sovereignty, and Anarchy (**ALL on Quiz 1**)  
 My website: from Kenneth Waltz, *Man, the State and War*  
 My website: Ingram, vu-graph, “Sovereignty”  
 My website: Ingram, vu-graph, “Anarchy”

- 31 JAN**      **GEOGRAPHY QUIZ DUE (3%)**  
*Topic:* Ethnicity and Nationalism (**ALL on Quiz 1**)  
 My website: “Some notes on Ethnicity”

## THEORY

- 2 FEB**      *Topic:* The Role of Theory in International Relations  
                   *Global Politics*, Chapter 1, “Introduction to Global Politics,” pp. 12-16  
                   My website: McClelland, “The Function of Theory in International  
                   Relations,” *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Sep 1960,  
                   page 303 through the first full paragraph on page 304
16.    (1.5) In his opening to his paper of the function of theory in international relations,  
 McClelland refers to three theorists and their views on the subject. **In a paragraph**,  
*summarize* those views.

*Sub-Topic:* Why Theories of Global Politics, Although Important, Are Not  
 Stressed in This Course [Policy focused and your own world view,  
 perceptions, and approach to analysis]

My website: Snyder, "One World, Rival Theories," *Foreign Policy*,  
Nov 2004

17. ♦(4) **In a ½-page essay**, *explain* why Ingram does not stress theories/perspectives of global politics in this course, although they are important to understanding international politics. *I expect to see appropriate references to Snyder's article.*

**3 FEB**            *Topic: Theories of Global Politics (I)*  
*Global Politics*, Chapter 3, "Realism and Liberalism, and Critical Theories,"  
pp. 71-82

**7 FEB**            *Topic: Theories of Global Politics (II)*  
*Global Politics*, Chapter 3, "Realism and Liberalism, and Critical Theories,"  
pp. 83-97  
My website: Ikenberry, "The Future of the Liberal World Order," *Foreign Affairs*,  
May-June 2012

18. ♦(8) **Drawing on all readings so far, in a one and ½ page essay**, 1) *describe* how realism and the neo-liberal theories differ and 2) *describe* how they are each limited as the basis for describing reality and thus as the sole basis for policy analysis.

**9 FEB**            **TAKE-HOME QUIZ 1 DUE (3%)**  
*Topic: Theories of Global Politics (III)*  
*Global Politics*, Chapter 3, "Realism and Liberalism, and Critical Theories," pp. 97-111

19. (3) **In a short essay**, *describe* essential Marxism  
20. (3) **In a short essay**, *describe* what world-system theory adds to the discussion of theories.  
21. (3) **In a short essay**, *describe* what feminist theory adds to the discussion of theories.  
22. (3) **In a short essay**, *describe* what Constructivism adds to the discussion of theories.  
My website: Walt, "International Relations: One World, many Theories,"  
*Foreign Policy*, Spring 1998  
23. ♦(7) **Drawing on all sources above, in a one-page essay**, *describe* what you would use from each of the six theories to help you in policy analysis.

## PROCESS

**10 FEB**            *Topic: Policy: Getting from A ⇒ B*  
My website: Ingram, vu-graph, "Getting from A ⇒ B" (*again*)

24. (1.5) **In a paragraph**, *explain* what  $B = \int(A, w, x, y, \dots)$  means in terms of policy  
25. (3) **In a short essay**, *explain* the role of theory in policy analysis.

*Topic: Causation as a Basis of Policy Analysis*

My website: Ingram, "A Useful Concept of Causation"

26. (1.5) **In a paragraph**, *state* the primary learning point about making causative relationships and *explain* why causation is critical to policymaking.  
27. (5) **In a 3/4-page essay**, *describe* how you should approach causality in any analysis. Make sure you consider the purpose Ingram's factors of causation and understand the concept of inference.  
28. (1.5) **In a paragraph**, *explain* the difference between correlation and causation?

*Topic: Bounded Rational Analysis*

My website: Ingram, "Bounded Rational Policy Analysis"

29. **(1.5) In a paragraph**, describe Ingram's quick analytical process and explain when it is appropriate.
30. **(4) In a ½-page essay**, describe the weighing the options step, as it is laid out in the appendix of the reading and why effectiveness a critical criterion in terms of getting from A ➔ B?

**14 FEB** *Topic: International Relations Concepts (I)*

*Sub-Topic: The Goals as the Basis of Policy Analysis*

My website: Ingram, "A Useful Concept of National Interest"

31. **◆(5) In a 3/4-page essay**, describe the concept of national interests and goals as developed in Ingram, "A Useful Concept of National Interests and Goals." Do not focus only on the definition of the core national interests. Also, although useful to your understanding, the section "THE STATEMENT OF A GOAL SUBORDINATED TO A CORE NATIONAL INTEREST" is not useful to your description.

My website: from Hiscox, "The Domestic Sources of Foreign Economic Policies," Ravenhill, *Global Political Economy*

- Hiscox discusses how domestic affairs and interests affect the foreign economic policies of states. On page 121 he states "There is really no such thing as the 'national interest' when it comes to foreign economic policy – or rather, there is no single national interest; there are many."
32. **(4) Select one of the following topics**, as developed by Hiscox: trade, immigration, investment, exchange rates, and explain, **in a ½-page essay**, what he means by no single national interest.

My website: Ingram, vu-graph, "Transnational Issues"

33. **(1.5) In a paragraph**, describe what Ingram calls transnational issues and provide examples.

**16 FEB** *Topic: International Relations Concepts (II)*

*Sub-Topic: Power as a Tool of Policy Analysis*

My website: Ingram, "A Useful Concept of Power"

34. **◆(4) In a ½-page essay**, describe Ingram's concept of power, including how power can be a resource.
35. (1) What is Ingram's view of "smart power?"
36. **(1.5) In a paragraph**, describe what is meant by:  
USE OF POWER(POLICY DECISION ➔IMPLEMENTATION) ➔OUTCOME
37. (1) At the time to decide how to use power, when the decision-maker has only the instruments at hand, the effective use of power will rely on what instrument and, specifically, on what three aspects of that instrument?
38. **(1.5) In a paragraph**, describe the fundamental relationship between an intermediate/subordinate national interests/goals and the instruments of power in a rational policy, ensuring that you explain why is the relationship is fundamental. *This is not a complex task.*

*Focus: Relative Power*

My website: Spero and Hart, Chapter 9, "Oil and Politics,"

*The Politics of International Economic Relations*,  
(Cengage: Boston, 2010), pp. 345-350, 355-361, & 365-368

39. ♦(5) **In a 3/4-page essay**, *describe* major limitations on the ability of the OPEC states to control the oil market and *explain* those limitations in terms of relative power.