IDS 4315-B001
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

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COURSE OUTLINE

1. **Course Objectives.** This one semester course on global perspectives is designed to introduce you to the various "lenses" (perspectives) through which one can ascertain world events/issues. This can be viewed as an intermediate level between an introduction to the nuts and bolts of international relations that is usually the undergraduates first acquaintance with the international system and a senior-level in-depth examination of the various theories of international relations. The primary purpose of the course is to provide the basic tools for any student to better understand that the world in which we live can be viewed from many angles and it is important to know where someone is coming from if we are to have meaningful dialogue.

2. **Course Requirements.** The course will consist of a series of lectures focusing upon the topics and issues outlined in Section 5. You are encouraged to ask questions, inject personal observations, and challenge the assertions of the professor. Attend all class meetings. While no formal record of attendance is kept, you will find that failure to attend class will soon be reflected in your course performance, as lecture material will often not be found in your reading assignments. **Read** and **master** the material in the assignments. These are found in the sole textbook for the course:

Henry R. Nau, *Perspectives on International Relations*. 2d ed. CQ Press (2009)

Reading the assignments and keeping up with the lectures is your responsibility. No specific pages of reading will be given from one lecture to another. Pace yourself according to the topics under consideration during lecture periods.

3. **Examinations.** There will be four examinations during the course. All will consist of short answer questions dealing with concepts, principles, themes, and theories. The final examination (fourth midterm) is **not cumulative.** Each exam will cover that portion of the material outlined in Section 5. Midterms are

tentatively scheduled as follows and will be held at the normal class time and meeting place:

(1) **Wednesday, July 6th**
(2) **Monday, July 18th**
(3) **Wednesday, July 27th**
(4) **Thursday, August 4th**

Please provide me with four (4) examination booklets ("blue books" or "green books") at your earliest convenience. They can be purchased at the Bookstore and will be used to write your answers on exam days. Please make sure they are not crumbled, stained, etc. Would you want to take an exam in one of them in that condition? **Attendance at examinations is mandatory. There are no makeup examinations. In addition, after the first person has turned in their exam and left the room, no one who is tardy and arrives after that time will be allowed to take the exam. They will have missed the test.** All exams will be in **pen** (not pencil). Once an exam has begun, no one is allowed to leave the classroom for any reason (so be prepared ahead of time to remain for 50 minutes when exams begin).

4. **Grades.** There are four possible grades for the course:

Exams	(4 x 33.3%) = 133%

Each student must have **three** midterm grades to equal 100% of the course. This can be the highest three grades of the four examinations; or three examinations and skipping an exam, including the final. Be very careful how you decide upon your options, as there are **no makeup exams** (either midterms or final). If you miss a test, you have dropped your lowest grade already. In no case is it wise to miss the first examination.

Letter grades:	90-100 = A	(NOTE: there will be no +/- grades)
	80-89 = B	
	70-79 = C	
	60-69 = D	
	< 60 = F	

5. **Assignments.** (Chapters in Nau)

I.	HOW TO THINK ABOUT IR	Intro; 1
II.	EVOLUTION OF THE SYSTEM	2
III.	APPLICATION OF THEORIES	3-4

---First midterm (Wednesday, July 6)---

IV.	POST-WWII SYSTEM	5

V.	POST-COLD WAR SYSTEM	6
VI.	POST-9/11 SYSTEM	7
VII.	HISTORY OF GLOBALIZATION	8

---Second midterm (**Monday, July 18**)---

Note: Withdrawal deadline is Friday, July 15

VIII.	GLOBALIZATION TOOLKIT	9
IX.	GLOBAL TRADE, FDI, AND FINANCE	10
X.	GLOBALIZATION IN LATIN AMERICA/ASIA	11
XI.	GLOBALIZATION IN AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST	12

---Third midterm (**Wednesday, July 27**)---

XII.	GLOBALIZATION'S DISCONTENTS	13
XIII.	GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT	14
XIV.	HUMAN RIGHTS	15
XV.	GLOBAL GOVERNANCE	16

---Final exam (**Thursday, August 4**)---

WELCOME TO GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES AND MAY YOU HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER SEMESTER

Some ground rules:

(1) Classroom

no food or drinks
no smoking
turn off beepers, pagers, cell phones, iPods, etc.
if you are late, please come anyway but try not to be disruptive when entering the room

(2) Communications

feel free to email me:
office - bledsoe@mail.ucf.edu
home - drbled@aol.com
call me at the office but not at home
Main Campus(407-823-2608)
see me during office hours or call for appointment

(3) Exams

if you are late on exam day and a student has already turned in their exam and departed before you arrive, you are too late and I will not let you take the exam
final grades are not posted nor will they be given out over the telephone nor by the Department staff.

I will be happy to let you know your final exam grade, course average, and course grade if you provide me ahead of time a stamped, addressed envelop (large if you want any course materials returned). Midterms will not be posted on MyGrades only the final grade.