IDS 4315 M
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

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Course Outline

1. **Course Objectives.** This one semester course is designed to:
(1) introduce you to global long-term trends and the process of globalization;
(2) gain an understanding of global issues resulting from these trends, processes, and issues;
(3) become aware of the varying perspectives one can have on these trends, processes, and issues;
(4) gain an appreciation of how these perspectives shape the future of the international system;
(5) think critically about the varied impact of globalization upon the human condition.

The primary purpose of the course is to provide the basic tools for any student to better understand the world in which we live and how it is viewed from various lens/perspectives.

2. **Course Requirements.** The course will consist of a series of lectures and web assignments (this is a reduced seat time course) 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 textbook for the course:

Henry R. Nau, *Perspectives on International Relations.* 3rd ed. CQ Press. 2011

This is the only textbook required for the course. Reading the assignments and keeping up with the lectures and online assignments 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 (4) essay examinations during the course, in which you will draw upon the materials in the chapters plus lectures. Each exam will

cover that portion of the material outlined in Section 5 and will consist of a series of short answer questions dealing with concepts, theories, principles, and issues. Exams are tentatively scheduled as follows and will be held at the normal class time and meeting place (there are no online exams):

(1) **Monday, February 4**
(2) **Monday, February 25**
(3) **Monday, March 25**

The final exam (4th midterm) will be held at the normal class meeting place from **7-10:00 pm** on **Monday April 29**. Please provide me with 4 examination booklets ("blue books" at your earliest convenience. They can be purchased at the Bookstore and will be used to write your answers on exam days. Please be sure they are not crumbled, stained, etc. Would you want to take an exam in one of them in that condition? **Attendance at exams is mandatory. There are no makeup exams.** 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 from 75 minutes to 3 hours when exams begin).

4. **Grades.** There are nine (9) possible grades for the course:

Exams	(4 x 20 points each) = 80 points
Assignments	(5 x 10 points each) = 50 points

Each student must have **three (3) exam** grades to equal 60% of the course and **four (4) assignment** grades to equal 40% of the course. Thus, you can take all four exams and drop your lowest grade or you can skip an exam (including the final) and you can do all five assignments and drop the lowest grade or skip an assignment.

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.	Introduction to Perspectives	Chptrs 1-3
II.	Postwar World	Chptr 4

---First midterm February 4---

III.	Postwar World/Terrorism	Chptrs 5-7
IV.	Globalization	Chptr 8

---Second midterm February 25---
Spring Break (March 4-9)
Note: withdrawal deadline is Monday, March 11

V.	Globalization/Inequality	Chptrs 9-12

---Third midterm March 25---

VI.	Inequality/Environmental Concerns	Chptrs 13-14
VII.	Human Rights	Chptrs 15-16
VIII.	The Democratic Peace	Conclusion

---Fourth midterm April 29—

6. **Weekly schedule:**

1/7	Administrative matters; lecture
1/14	Lecture
1/21	Lecture (assignment #1 is due 1/28 at 11:59 pm)
1/28	Lecture
2/4	1st exam; lecture
2/11	Lecture (assignment #2 is due 2/18 at 11:59 pm)
2/18	Lecture
2/25	2nd exam; lecture
3/4-3/9	Spring Break (assignment #3 is due 3/4 at 11:59 pm)
3/11	Lecture
3/18	Lecture (assignment #4 is due 3/25 at 11:59 pm)
3/25	3rd exam; lecture
4/1	Lecture
4/8	Lecture (assignment #5 is due 4/15 at 11:59 pm)
4/15	Lecture
4/22	Lecture
4/29	4th exam

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Some Ground Rules:

(1) For those in the classroom
- no food or drinks (water is ok)
- no smoking
- turn off beepers, pagers, cell phones, ipods, etc.
- if you are late, please come in anyway but try not to be disruptive when entering the room

tape recorders and laptops are permitted but not encouraged

(2) Communications

feel free to email me

office –robert.bledsoe@ucf.edu (note that this is a public domain, so if you have a matter you do not wish to be made public, use my home e-mail address)

home –drbled@aol.com

call me at the office but not at home

Main campus (407) 823-2608

Daytona campus (386) 506-4031

see me during office hours or by appointment (see telephone numbers above)

(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

once an exam has begun, you may not leave the room until you have finished and turned in your exam

final grades are not posted and will not be given out over the telephone nor by the Department staff. I will be happy to let you know your final exam score, course average, and course grade plus any materials that you wish returned if you provide me ahead of time a stamped, addressed envelop (large if you want any course materials returned). Midterm exam grades will not be posted on MyGrades, only the final course grade.

NOTE: Syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the Instructor