INR4035 - International Political Economy

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

International Political Economy (IPE) is a three-credit hour upper division course with no formal prerequisites, although lower division international relations courses such as INR 2002 may provide useful and necessary preparation. The course

focuses on the interrelationship between international politics and international economics, especially the process of globalization. With the end of the Cold War, expanded global interdependence and communication has provided conditions for greater international cooperation as well as conflict. Changes and continuities in the international political economy have impacted the personal and social choices of people everywhere. The course explores the important changes and continuities in IPE as well as related problems and opportunities these may present.

First, we will survey the competing theories, economic history and recent development in IPE. Second, we will focus on the central political and economic actors and global organizations of IPE. Third, we will consider the major problems and issues in IPE and their potential policy solutions. Among these are economic development, markets and democratization, global poverty and inequality, illegal economic activities from arms to drugs, and the impact of technology and environmental constraints. Last, we will relate these problems and issues to specific country cases.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- An understanding of the critical interface between global politics and economics
- An overview and critique of the competing theories of IPE
- An investigation into the major issues and problems in IPE
- Possible applications to specific country cases
- And potential policy pitfalls and solutions.

COURSE GRADING AND

REQUIREMENTS:

There are five grading components in the course worth 20 points each. **(1) First component: Midterm. (2) Second component: Final.** These two non-comprehensive exams consist of short answers, and multiple choice, true false questions. **All exams are online**.

(3) Third component: CRITIQUE PAPER consists of a 5-10 page word processed document on a selected chapter from ***Real World Globalization***.

(4) Fourth component: COUNTRY STRATEGY & RESOURCE REPORT consists of 5-10 page word processed paper providing a strategic assessment of international political economic conditions for your approved country case with special focus on the race and scramble for the world's diminishing resources as discussed in Michael T. Klare's ***The Race for What's Left***. (See assignment instructions for how to select and have your country choice approved.)

Papers can only be submitted by uploading into webcourses online. Detailed instructions for the assignment are found in the content module section. Follow these instructions very carefully. **Papers that are not uploaded by the due date will be considered late**. Late receipt of papers may reduce your score by 5 points each regular day late. Contact the instructor in advance if you anticipate a problem.

(5) Fifth component: Discussion Activities/ Assignment Postings, or your responsible participation in discussion topics and forums, completion of web assignments and overall collaboration and interaction with your classmates.

In writing your papers don't forget that plagiarism is claiming someone else's work as your own by failure to cite or reference properly. You need to learn how to fully cite your sources, so

consult any standard reference system, (Chicago Manual of Style, MLA, etc.). See the Political Science department and graduate studies web site for more explanation of these issues. Cheating is unjust and results in an automatic "F."

Grading may use plusses and minuses and is rigorous. Remember that borderline grades can go either way, so that an excellent record of forum discussions (both quantity and quality) and constructive collaboration with your classmates will impact your final grade.

The Instructor reserves the right to alter and update the syllabus and schedule at any time when necessary for proper functioning of the course, and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of these changes.

Evaluation and Grading

Letter Grade	Points
A	93 – 100 points
A-	90 – 92 points
B+	87 – 89 points
B	83 – 86 points
B-	80 – 82 points
C+	77 – 79 points

C	73 – 76 points
C-	70 – 72 points
D+	67 – 69 points
D	63 – 66 points
D-	60 – 62 points
F	59 and below

COURSE TEXTBOOKS:

David N. Balaam, and Bradford Dillman, Introduction to International Political Economy, 5th ed. (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Longman/Pearson, 2011). [IIPE]. (ISBN-13: 978-0-205-79138-5).

Bhandari, Ravi, and the *Dollars & Sense* Collective, eds., Real World Globalization, 12th ed. (Somerville, MA: Dollars and Sense, Economic Affairs Bureau, 2012). [Real World G]. (ISBN-13: 978-1-939402-01-1).

SELECTED WEB RESOURCES:

- CIA World Fact Book and regional maps: http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook
- Dollars and Sense: http://www.dollarsandsense.org/
- Center for Economic and Policy Research: http://www.cepr.net/
- People & Planet, web site of an organization of university students concerned with world poverty, environment and

human rights:http://www.peopleandplanet.org

- United Nations and listing of IGOs or intergovernmental international organizations: http://www.un.org/
- Yahoo!-Regional: Countries, listing of all countries, maps, and statistical data: http://www.yahoo.com/regional/countries/

Class Assignments:

Grade Categories	Description o
Critique Paper	5-10 page analysis and critique of a selected chapter
Midterm Exam	Open book short answer and multiple choice and tru main texts.

Final Exam	Open book short answer and multiple choice and tru main texts.
Country Strategy Report	5-10 page strategic assessment for a selected countr this may be an individual or a group project. If the l group.
Discussion Postings and Internet Assignments	Quality and on-time postings to discussion topics, re modules.

- Further instructions and details for the writing assignments (paper and report) can be found in "Assignments" and may also be linked within modules.
- Details of discussion, internet and reading assignments are included within and at the end of each of the learning modules.

Overview of Grading and Deadlines:

Grading and evaluation:	Grading includes plusses and min class discussion and participation
Discussion and participation; and Internet activities:	Meaningful substantive discussion activities comprise an important c
Deadlines:	Specific due dates are noted in the homepage), and may be posted on **Posting Due Dates:** Modules open assignments for each module are All other assignments are also due schedule (NOT on assignment upl

Late, make-up and below-standard work:	Late assignments are penalized 5 p problem.
Academic Honesty:	Plagiarism and Cheating of any ki "F" for that assignment (and may, course) and may be subject to app action. See the UCF Golden Rule fo adhere to the academic creed of th integrity. In other words, don't ch will also adhere to the highest star expect me to change) your grade i apply to everyone.
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