INR 4008
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 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.* 4th ed. CQ Press. 2015

This is the only textbook required for the course. 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 (4) 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 the format for the exams will consist of a series of short answer questions dealing with concepts, theories, principles, and issues for which you will need exam booklets ("blue books" or "green books"). Exams are

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

(1) **Thursday, February 4**
(2) **Tuesday, March 1**
(3) **Thursday, March 31**

The final exam (4th midterm) will be held at the normal class meeting place from **7:00am-9:50am, Thursday, April 28** . Please provide me with 4 examination booklets ("blue books"or "green books") at your earliest convenience but at least prior to the first midterm exam, with your name in the upper right corner of one of the bluebooks so I can check you off the role for having completed this requirement. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in you being docked one letter grade at the end of the term for failing to complete a course requirement. Exam books 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 four (4) possible grades for the course:

Exams (4 x 33.3%) = 133%

Each student must have **three (3) exam** grades to equal 100% of the course. This will be the highest three grades of the four examinations. Thus, you can take all four exams and drop your lowest grade or you can skip an exam (including the final).

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	Preface, Intro and Chptrs 1-2

---First midterm Thursday, February 4---

II.	World War II and Cold War Era	Chptrs 3-4
III.	Contemporary System	Chptr 5

---Second midterm Tuesday, March 1---
Note: withdrawal deadline is Wednesday, March 23

IV.	Contemporary System	Chptrs 6-7
V.	Globalization	Chptr 8

---Third midterm Thursday, March 31---

VI.	Globalization	Chptrs 9-10
VII.	Democratic Peace	Conclusion

---Final (Fourth midterm) Thursday, April 28---

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

Some Ground Rules:

(1) For those in the classroom
- no food or drinks (water is ok)
- no smoking
- turn off beepers, pagers, cell phones, 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 or use our Canvas online Web Course
  - home – drbled@aol.com
- call me at the office but not at home
  - Main campus (407) 823-2608
- see me during office hours or by appointment (see telephone number 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
- final grades will not be given out over the telephone nor by the Department staff. 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