GEO3471 World Political Geography Syllabus Fall/2019

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Course Information

Course Name	World Political Geography
Course ID & Section	GEO3471-0W60
Credit Hours	3 Credit Hours
Semester/Year	Fall 2019
Location	Online

Course Description

Analysis of factors which affect power relations among nations, including area, location, political styles, ethnic divisions, and the politics of energy.

Prerequisite(s): ENC 1102 or POS 2041 or C.I. Corequisite(s): None. Prerequisite(s) or Corequisite(s): None

Course Objectives

- Define key concepts relating to political geography.
- Gain an understanding of major themes in political geography.

- Apply geographical concepts to political processes.

Required Texts

- Geopolitics: The Geography of International Relations, 3rd edition by Saul Bernard Cohen

Course Requirements

- 4 tests – each test will be worth 30 points for a total of 120 points. Questions will be multiple choice and/or true false. These tests will be based on the readings for each unit of the course.
- 4 class discussions - worth 100 points. In the course, you will engage in several small group discussions in which you will write a response to a question, then respond to 3 of your fellow colleagues.

NOTE: All tests will be available for a time period of one (1) week. No make-up tests will be given. All quizzes and projects are due when assigned. **NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

NOTE: All assignments must be turned in by the deadline posted and through the appropriate links in webcourses. They will NOT be accepted through webcourses email or through my UCF email address.

Evaluation and Grading

There will be a total of 220 points available in this course. The following chart shows a breakdown of the point range for the final grade in the course. Point values for individual assignments will show up in the Modules and Assignments tabs.

Letter Grade	**Points**
A	198 - 220 points
B	176 - 197 points
C	154 - 175 points
D	132 - 153 points
F	0 - 131 points

UCF Financial Aid Statement

As of Fall 2014, all faculty are required to document students' academic activity at the beginning of each course. In order to document that you began this course, please complete the following academic activity (syllabus acknowledgement) by the end of the first week of classes or as soon as possible after adding the course, but no later than Friday, August 30th. Failure to do so may result in a delay in the disbursement of your financial aid. Even if you are not getting Financial Aid, you will need to complete this assignment.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism and cheating of any kind on an examination, quiz, or assignment will result at least in an "F" for that assignment (and may, depending on the severity of the case, lead to an "F" for the entire course) and may be subject to appropriate referral to the Office of Student Conduct for further action. See the UCF Golden Rule for further information. I will assume for this course that you will adhere to the academic creed of this University and will maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. In other words, don't cheat by giving answers to others or taking them from anyone else. I will also adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity, so please do not ask me to change (or expect me to change) your grade illegitimately or to bend or break rules for one person that will not apply to everyone.

Disability Statement

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Where appropriate you may use a pseudonym or nickname. Some written assignments posted publicly may require personal reflection/comments, but the assignments will not require you to disclose any personally identity-sensitive information. If you have any concerns about this, please contact your instructor.