**GEO3471 - World Political Geography**
Syllabus Summer/2021
Course Section BW60 - Online
Credits: 3

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**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:**
- 5 tests – each test will be worth 25 points for a total of 125 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 at least 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 225 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 |
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| A | 202 - 225 points |
| B | 180 - 201 points |
| C | 157 - 179 points |
| D | 135 - 156 points |
| F | 0 - 134 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, July 2nd. 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 Integrity:**
Students should familiarize themselves with UCF's Rules of Conduct at <https://scai.sdes.ucf.edu/student-rules-of-conduct/Links to an external site.>. According to Section 1, "Academic Misconduct," students are prohibited from engaging in

- Unauthorized assistance: Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information or study aids in any academic exercise unless specifically authorized by the instructor of record. The unauthorized possession of examination or course-related material also constitutes cheating.
- Communication to another through written, visual, electronic, or oral means: The presentation of material which has not been studied or learned, but rather was obtained through someone else's efforts and used as part of an examination, course assignment, or project.
- Commercial Use of Academic Material: Selling of course material to another person, student, and/or uploading course material to a third-party vendor without authorization or without the express written permission of the university and the instructor. Course materials include but are not limited to class notes, Instructor's PowerPoints, course syllabi, tests, quizzes, labs, instruction sheets, homework, study guides, handouts, etc.
- Falsifying or misrepresenting the student's own academic work.
- Plagiarism: Using or appropriating another's work without any indication of the source, thereby attempting to convey the impression that such work is the student's own.
- Multiple Submissions: Submitting the same academic work for credit more than once without the express written permission of the instructor.
- Helping another violate academic behavior standards.

- Soliciting assistance with academic coursework and/or degree requirements.

**Responses to Academic Dishonesty, Plagiarism, or Cheating:**
Students should also familiarize themselves with the procedures for academic misconduct in UCF's student handbook, The Golden Rule<https://goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/Links to an external site.>. UCF faculty members have a responsibility for students' education and the value of a UCF degree, and so seek to prevent unethical behavior and respond to academic misconduct when necessary. Penalties for violating rules, policies, and instructions within this course can range from a zero on the exercise to an "F" letter grade in the course. In addition, an Academic Misconduct report could be filed with the Office of Student Conduct, which could lead to disciplinary warning, disciplinary probation, or deferred suspension or separation from the University through suspension, dismissal, or expulsion with the addition of a "Z" designation on one's transcript.

Being found in violation of academic conduct standards could result in a student having to disclose such behavior on a graduate school application, being removed from a leadership position within a student organization, the recipient of scholarships, participation in University activities such as study abroad, internships, etc.

Let's avoid all of this by demonstrating values of honesty, trust, and integrity. No grade is worth compromising your integrity and moving your moral compass. Stay true to doing the right thing: take the zero, not a shortcut.

**Course Accessibility Statement:**
The University of Central Florida is committed to providing access and inclusion for all persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who need access to course content due to course design limitations should contact the professor as soon as possible. Students should also connect with Student Accessibility Services (SAS) <http://sas.sdes.ucf.edu/Links to an external site.> (Ferrell Commons 185, sas@ucf.edu, phone 407-823-2371). For students connected with SAS, a Course Accessibility Letter may be created and sent to professors, which informs faculty of potential course access and accommodations that might be necessary and reasonable. Determining reasonable access and accommodations requires consideration of the course design, course learning objectives and the individual academic and course barriers experienced by the student. Further conversation with SAS, faculty and the student may be warranted to ensure an accessible course experience.

**Deployed Active Duty Military Students:**
Students who are deployed active duty military and/or National Guard personnel and require accommodation should contact their instructors as soon as possible after the semester begins and/or after they receive notification of deployment to make related arrangements.

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During this course you might have the opportunity to use public online services and/or software applications sometimes called third-party software such as a blog or wiki. While some of these could be required assignments, you need not make any personally identifying information on a public site. Do not post or provide any private information about yourself or your classmates. 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.