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## WORLD POLITICS in Fall 2018 (PO2031B)

<b>Course Code</b>	PO2031B	<b>Professor(s)</b>	Steven Ekovich
<b>Prerequisites</b>	None	<b>Office Number</b>	G-L11
<b>Class Schedule</b>	M: 12:10-13:30 in A-1 R: 12:10-13:30 in C-101	<b>Office Hours</b>	By appointment
<b>Credits</b>	4	<b>Email</b>	sekovich@aup.edu
<b>Semester</b>	Fall 2018	<b>Office Tel. Ext.</b>	EXT: 583

## Course Description

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An introductory overview of contemporary world politics by examining the fundamental concepts, theories and history employed in analyzing major issues and trends. General topics to be covered include: power, strategy, alliances, war and peace, security, weapons of mass destruction, proliferation, terrorism, international law and institutions, human rights, non-state actors, development, economic integration, globalization, international finance – and others.

## Course Learning Outcomes

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This basic intro course is intended to improve student ability to analyze key issues in international relations from various theoretical perspectives

The course puts emphasis upon research skills and upon learning to write “objectively” and analytically.

It also seeks to guide students in preparing oral presentations so that they can better articulate their analysis in a public setting.

Students should additionally read and be able to discuss major news reports related to topics of interest to the class on a daily basis.

## General Education

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The general education program at AUP consists of four requirements: Speaking the World, Modeling the World, Mapping the World, and Comparing Worlds Past and Present.

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This course can be used to fulfill the [INDICATE THE REQUIREMENT(S) FULFILLED BY THE COURSE] requirement and as such has the following learning outcomes:

[INDICATE THE GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES]

## **Course Outline**

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Introduction to global politics

The history of the making of the global 21st century

Theories, methods and intellectual debates

The nature of the state

Power, leaders and decisions in global politics

International law

The current global system

Major, middle and minor powers

Global governance

Non-state actors, mass communication and social networking

Identity, ethnicity, nationalism and religion

War

Civil wars, insurgencies and counterinsurgencies

Terrorism and counterterrorism

Global economics

Global inequality

Human rights

Environment, energy, demography and health

## Textbooks

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Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN	Required
African History: A Very Short Introduction	John Parker	Oxford	9780192802484	Yes
Globalization of World Polittcs	Baylis	Oxford	9780198739852	Yes

## Attendance Policy

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### **ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

Students studying at The American University of Paris are expected to attend ALL scheduled classes, and in case of absence, should contact their professors to explain the situation. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of any specific attendance policy that a faculty member might have set in the course syllabus. The French Department, for example, has its own attendance policy, and students are responsible for compliance. Academic Affairs will excuse an absence for students' participation in study trips related to their courses.

**Attendance at all exams is mandatory.**

IN ALL CASES OF MISSED COURSE MEETINGS, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THE PROFESSOR, AND FOR ARRANGING TO MAKE UP MISSED WORK, RESTS SOLELY WITH THE STUDENT.

Whether an absence is excused or not is ALWAYS up to the discretion of the professor or the department. Unexcused absences can result in a low or failing participation grade. In the case of excessive absences, it is up to the professor or the department to decide if the student will receive an "F" for the course. An instructor may recommend that a student withdraw if absences have made it impossible to continue in the course at a satisfactory level.

Students must be mindful of this policy when making their travel arrangements, and *especially during the Drop/Add and Exam Periods.*

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY STATEMENT:** As an Anglophone university, The American University of Paris is strongly committed to effective English language mastery at the

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undergraduate level. Most courses require scholarly research and formal written and oral presentations in English, and AUP students are expected to strive to achieve excellence in these domains as part of their course work. To that end, professors include English proficiency among the criteria in student evaluation, often referring students to the university Writing Lab where they may obtain help on specific academic assignments. Proficiency in English is monitored at various points throughout the student's academic career, most notably during the admissions and advising processes, while the student is completing general education requirements, and during the accomplishment of degree program courses and senior theses.

## **Grading Policy**

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The final course grade will be based on:

<b>Class presentation</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Paper on presentation</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Quizzes and short assignments</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Class attendance &amp; participation</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Final exam</b>	<b>30%</b>

### **Class Presentation**

**A power point presentation of about 12 minutes based on a topic, concept or theory.**

### **Quizzes and short writing assignments**

**There will be regular in-class quizzes and short writing assignments.**

### **Presentation Paper**

**A research paper on the topic of your presentation (2500 – 3000 words). Based on at least four scholarly resources.**

### **Class Participation**

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**Class participation includes class attendance and the quality of participation in class discussions.**

**Final Exam**

**An in-class essay exam based on reading, lectures, discussions, presentations and quizzes.**

**Other**

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