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## WORLD POLITICS in Fall 2019 (PO2031B)

<b>Course Code</b>	PO2031B	<b>Professor(s)</b>	Hall Gardner
<b>Prerequisites</b>	None	<b>Office Number</b>	
<b>Class Schedule</b>	MR: 12:10-13:30 in C-103	<b>Office Hours</b>	By appt M/R
<b>Credits</b>	4	<b>Email</b>	hgardner@aup.edu
<b>Semester</b>	Fall 2019	<b>Office Tel. Ext.</b>	

## Course Description

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This one semester course provides an overview of contemporary international relations. It examines the fundamental concepts of world politics and combines theoretical and historical perspectives to analyze major trends and issues. Special attention is given to processes of globalization and fragmentation that challenge the traditional order of politics in and among states. Discussions of the new global challenges cover classical questions of foreign policy and "harder" international security issues, such as strategy and alliances, war and peace, nuclear proliferation, transnational terrorism, as well as so-called "softer" topics like international law and institutions, human rights and human security, environmental problems, non-state actors, development, poverty and global financial crisis.

## Course Learning Outcomes

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To improve the understanding of world politics.  
To explore the origins and causes of cooperation and conflict.  
To acquire a better understanding of the foreign policy decision-making process and the factors which shape foreign policy.  
To trace the evolution of world politics.  
To improve skills of historical and political analysis.  
To improve written communication skills. Lucid, well-structured written work.  
To develop research skills.  
Clear analytical thinking as demonstrated by contributions to in-class discussions and argumentation developed in written work and presentations.  
Succinct, well-organized oral expression  
Creativity in developing own/original views

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# General Education

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## Course Outline

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### CLASS SCHEDULE:

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Baylis Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics, Latest Edition

Week 1 Introduction and Chapter 1 Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics,

Week 2 Chapter 2-4, Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics,

Ungraded writing assignment: What were the major factors that led to a major shift in the nature of global relations since the Cold War? (20 minutes)

IR Theory

Week 3 Chapter 5-6-7 Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics,

Week 4 Chapter 8-9 Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics,

Chapter 2, American Global Strategy and the 'War on Terrorism'

Global Challenges

Week 5 Chapter 10-11, Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics,

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Week 6 Chapter 12-13, Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics,

Week 7 Chapter 16-17, Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics,

Week 8 Chapter 18-19 Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics,

Midterm (to be announced)

Week 9 Chapter 15; 20 Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics,

Week 10 Chapter 21-22, Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics,

Chapter 3, American Global Strategy and the 'War on Terrorism'

Week 11 Chapter 23-24-25, Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics,

Chapter 4, American Global Strategy and the 'War on Terrorism'

Week 12 Chapter 14-26-27, Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics

Beginning of in-class presentations on term paper topics

Chapters 1-3 World War Trump

Week 13 Chapter 28-30, Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics

Beginning of in-class presentations

Chapters 4-7 World War Trump

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Week 14 Chapter 31-32, Baylis, Smith, and Owens, The Globalization of World Politics

Beginning of in-class presentations

Chapters 8-10 plus postscript World War Trump

Term Paper: Due last day of class

Final Exam: (to be announced)

## Textbooks

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Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN	Required
The Globalization of World Politics	John Baylis	Oxford	9780198739852	Yes
World War Trump	Hall Gardner	Prometheus Books	9781633883956	Yes

## Attendance Policy

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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

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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.

## Grading Policy

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### GRADING:

- a. Midterm Exam (30%)
- b. Final Exam (30%)
- c. Class discussion including term paper presentation (20%)
- d. term paper with personal notes attached (20%)

## Other

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### OUTLINE:

You must read the entire book, Baylis Smith, and Owens, *The Globalization of World Politics*, Latest Edition, the entire book *World War Trump: The Risks of America's New Nationalism*, by Hall Gardner, and Chapters 2-4 in *American Global Strategy and the War on Terrorism* by Hall Gardner.

One 10 page term paper, which is due on the last day of class, should deal with a controversial issue of contemporary policy relevance and must include your research notes. You must prepare a brief in-class

presentation of your paper topic before its completion.

Students are urged to participate in the study trips to Geneva and Doha/Bangkok.