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The role of the section is to complement Professor Morrow's lectures on the study of world politics. My main goals for you are that you finish this course with a deeper understanding of international relations as an academic discipline, an ability to contextualize and analyze world events, and an improved capacity for concise and purposive academic writing. The discussion component of the section should allow you to talk through the arguments made in the readings, debate their application to world events, learn from your peers, and improve your comfort with speaking clearly in a public setting.

**Grading:** As specified in the lecture syllabus, your grade in the class will be determined as follows:

First Paper	15% (October 8)
Midterm Examination	15% (October 22)
Second Paper	20% (November 24)
Final Examination	20% (December 17)
Multiple Choice Questions	10%
Section Assignments:	
<i>Paper outlines</i>	2%
<i>Participation/Attendance</i>	8%
<i>Presentation</i>	5%
<i>Quizzes</i>	5 %

**Two Paper Outlines:** will be worth a total of 2% of your course grade. Brief 1-2 page double-spaced paper outlines will be due one week after paper assignments are handed out in class.

**Participation/Attendance:** will be 8% of your course grade. Half of this grade will be earned by participating actively and thoughtfully in classroom discussion. The other half of this grade will be earned simply by attending class and making a good-faith effort to remain engaged. You are allowed THREE section absences. You can clear an absence with me via *official documentation only*—a note from a UMich or other medical establishment, etc. Each unexcused absence (after the first three) will lead to me docking 1% off the 5% of your attendance grade (eight total unexcused absences means you get 0%). Lastly, if absent, you are responsible for obtaining notes from classmates on the material covered.

**Presentations:** will be 5% of your course grade. I will ask you to prepare a five-minute Power Point presentation on a topic of your interest. Your topic should be related to a topic discussed during that week's lecture. For instance, if *Terrorism* is being discussed during a lecture, you may prepare a presentation on any terrorist organization. You are not allowed to present on a topic that you will write your first or second paper on. I will provide a more detailed outline of what is expected later in the course.

**Quizzes:** There will be several quizzes to assess general comprehension of course material. The quizzes will be based on lecture material and reading assignments. If you must miss a quiz due to an excused absence (family emergency, documented illness, etc), please contact me before the quizzes are handed back to the class. After the quizzes are handed back, makeup quizzes will not be available.

**Readings:** I might assign you readings during the course to complement the lectures and discussions. These will be given out in advance and will be mandatory.

**Grading and Grade Grievance Policy:** Grading of examinations and assignments will be based on the completion of the assignment *and* the quality of your work. I will strive to provide constructive feedback on your assignments. Keys to receiving good grades on your assignments and examinations are completing the assignment fully, rigorously, and insightfully. Any grievances in grading must be made in writing after a 48-hour waiting and review period.

**Canvas:** You each are added to the *canvas* site for this section. Here I may post announcements, supplementary readings, a copy of the syllabus, as well as make use of “gradebook”, where each of you can confidentially view your grade for a particular assignment (and your final grade). *Please note that you are responsible for keeping up to date with the contents on canvas as well as the contents in this syllabus.*

**Academic Dishonesty, Cheating, and Plagiarism:** Academic dishonesty, cheating, and plagiarism of any kind are unacceptable. There are no exceptions. Instructors will follow University of Michigan procedures when there is sufficient evidence of plagiarism. For details, see <http://www.lib.umich.edu/academicintegrity/understanding-plagiarism-and-academic-integrity>. Consequences for academic dishonesty, cheating, and plagiarism include but are not limited to a failing grade for an assignment, a failing grade for the section, noncredit for an assignment, additional work, and/or direct referral to the dean of a student’s school or college. I encourage you to check out the LS&A page on academic integrity here (<http://www.lsa.umich.edu/academicintegrity/examples.html>) and even to take their Academic Integrity Quiz. If you have any doubts or questions, consult that website or me before submitting your work.

**Citations:** The best way to avoid plagiarism is to learn how to cite. Google “citations umich” and you should find a ton of guides on how to cite. You can also use a quick citation website for help, such as [www.easybib.com](http://www.easybib.com). Political Science usually prefers CMOS (Chicago Manual of Style), but I don’t care which citation style you use—footnotes, parentheticals, whatever—as long as you are consistent throughout any given assignment. Another resource: <http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/DocAPSA.html>

**Office Hours:** Office hours are for you. Please come see me if you have any questions or difficulties in the course, or if you want to delve further into a particular topic. Office hours are Tuesdays 1<sup>30</sup>-3 pm and Fridays 10 - 11<sup>30</sup> am, or by an appointment.

**Email Policy:** I will do my best to respond to your emails within 24 hours, from 9-5 Monday through Friday. An email sent to me at 5:01 pm on Friday can expect a response by 5:00 pm Monday. If I have not responded within 24 hours, please send a follow up. *All emails should begin the subject line with “PS160”.*

**Classroom Courtesy:** Our goal is to become attentive listeners as well as critical thinkers and eloquent speakers. It is perfectly acceptable to disagree with other students, but all responses should be directed toward the content of their ideas rather than at their individual identity. Moreover, remember that private conversations or disrespectful comments hinder your learning and the learning of others. Because section is discussion based, laptops are *NOT* permitted. Please turn off and put away all cell phones and other electronics before class. Small snacks and drinks are fine, but I ask that you do not bring messy foods as they disturb our class.

**Discrimination and Harassment:** “The University of Michigan has, as one of its core values, an abiding commitment to sustaining a community in which the dignity of every individual is respected. Key to this value are efforts to foster and nurture an environment of civility and mutual respect by preventing discrimination and harassment on our campus.” For a list of prohibited forms of discrimination and harassment, as well as resources about where to get help, please see <http://www.hr.umich.edu/oie/cc/about.html>.

**Religious Holidays:** Those students who observe a university-recognized religious holiday on a section day should contact me within the first two weeks in order to receive an excused absence.

\*\*\*This syllabus is subject to revision at my discretion.\*\*\*