

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
State University of New York

INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: World Politics

Course Abbreviation and Number: POL 1520

Credit Hours: 3

Course Type: Lecture

Course Description: Students will study world politics in the post-cold war era by focusing on a variety of political "actors" including, but not limited to, nation-states, non-governmental organizations, and intergovernmental organizations including transnational organizations such as the United Nations and supranational organizations such as the European Union. Students develop an understanding of idealism and realism as the two major theories for organizing the study of world politics.

Eligibility: ENG 1510 without supports or Corequisite: ENG 1510 with supports.

General Education Requirements Met

SUNY

Social Sciences

World History & Global Awareness

JCC

Scientific Reasoning

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Describe major concepts and theories of at least one discipline in the social sciences. [SUNY Gen Ed – Social Sciences]
 2. Demonstrate an understanding of the methods social scientists use to explore social phenomena. [SUNY Gen Ed – Social Sciences]
 3. Demonstrate knowledge of a broad outline of world history and/or the development of the distinctive features of at least one civilization or culture in relation to other regions of the world. [SUNY Gen Ed - World History & Global Awareness]
 4. Demonstrate awareness of systemic global issues and the impact of individual and collective decisions on life around the world. [SUNY Gen Ed - World History & Global Awareness]
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Topics Covered:

- History, contemporary, and future structure of the world political "system"
 - The "Cold War" World
 - The post-"Cold War" World
 - First, Second, and Third "Worlds"
 - "Rich" v. "Poor" nation-states
 - "North" v. "South" nation-states
 - Globalization
 - Idealism v. Realism
 - International "actors" including, but not limited to, the nation-state, trans-national organizations, supra-national organizations,
 - Multi-national organizations
 - Art and science of international organization
 - International Negotiation simulation
 - The two Koreas
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Information for Students

- Expectations of Students
 - [Civility Statement](#)
 - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
 - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
- [Accessibility Services](#)
Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
- [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
- [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)
- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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Effective Date: Fall 2023