

# Course Calendar for POLS 3360 International Relations Fall 2022 Online

Note: All specified times are Mountain Standard Time (MST)  
Complete readings and asynchronous lecture content prior to taking quizzes, exams, and participating in discussion boards.

Note, this calendar is dynamic and we will adjust it as we go to (1) best schedule assignments and events as needed to realistically make progress and avoid sticking to a schedule that does not work well for us, (2) to add additional events and sessions as needed and desired, and (3) to provide some flexibility concerning synchronous meeting times for Cyber-Café sessions.

## Week 1, August 22 - 28

### Module 1 – Introduction to the course and to Basic Terms and Concepts of the International System and Politics (asynchronous content)

- Readings: P&G, Chapters 1 and 2 (pp. 43-48, with emphasis on sections on power, anarchy, sovereignty, and the security dilemma)
- Lecture slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

### Optional Synchronous Sessions for Week 1

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours
  - Tuesday – Cyber-Café -- Introductions, on Zoom 11:00-12:00 (will be recorded)
  - Wednesday – Office Hours, 2002 Benedict Hall and on Zoom, 12:00-1:00.

### Assignments for Week 1:

1. No assignments for this week besides the reviewing the content and readings listed above. Note that assignments for module 1 are due early next week, which gives time for all to settle into the course, especially those that add it late.

## Week 2, August 29 – September 4

### Module 1 – Introduction to the course and to Basic Terms and Concepts of the International System and Politics (asynchronous content)

- Review Readings: P&G, Chapters 1 and 2 (pp. 43-48, with emphasis on sections on power, anarchy, sovereignty, and the security dilemma)
- Review Lecture Slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

## Module 2 -- The Realist conception of World Politics and Prescription for Foreign Policy (asynchronous content)

- Readings: P&G, Chapter 2, read the entirety, including reviewing the content from module 1. Note that the instructor views the concepts of anarchy, sovereignty, and the security dilemma as general concepts in this area of study, and not just concepts espoused by Realists. Here we want to understand how Realists think about these concepts and their view of the world.
- Lecture slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

### Optional Synchronous Sessions for Week 2

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours
  - Monday – Cyber-Café – Module 1 discussion, on Zoom 5:00-6:30 (will be recorded)
  - Wednesday – Office Hours, 2002 Benedict Hall and on Zoom, 12:00-1:00

### Assignments for Week 2:

1. Syllabus and Research Paper Guidelines quiz: Due Monday, August 29, 11:59 pm – counts in quiz grade average
2. Discussion Board #1 due Tuesday, August 30, 11:59 pm
3. Quiz on Module 1 due Wednesday, August 31, 11:59 pm
4. Choose a state for the research project, by Friday, September 2, 11:59 pm, first come first serve. See research project guidelines for information.

## Week 3, September 5 -11

### Module 2 -- The Realist conception of World Politics and Prescription for Foreign Policy (asynchronous content)

- Review Readings: P&G, Chapter 2, read the entirety, including reviewing the content from module 2. Note that the instructor views the concepts of anarchy, sovereignty, and the security dilemma as general concepts in this area of study, and not just concepts espoused by Realists. Here we want to understand how Realists think about these concepts and their view of the world.
- Review lecture slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

### Optional Synchronous Sessions for Week 3

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours
  - Cyber-Café – Module 2 discussion, on Zoom, Tuesday, 5:00-6:30 (will be recorded)
  - Wednesday – Office Hours, 2002 Benedict Hall and on Zoom, 12:00-1:00

### Assignments for Week 3:

1. Discussion Board Questions #2 due Tuesday, September 6, 11:59 pm
2. Quiz on Module 2 due Wednesday, September 7, 11:59 pm

## Week 4, September 12 – 18

### Module 3 – Liberalism, Neoliberalism, and Idealism (asynchronous content)

- Readings: P&G, Chapter 3 (pp. 77-87), with emphasis on sections on idealist roots and philosophy, Liberal Institutions, International Regimes, The Democratic Peace, and Collective Security.
- Review discussion on rationality and the Prisoners' Dilemma from P&G, Chapter 2 – synthesize with neoliberal institutional view
- Lecture slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

### Optional Synchronous Sessions for Week 4

- Cyber Café Discussion Times and Office Hours
  - Tuesday – Office Hours, 2002 Benedict Hall and on Zoom, 12:00-1:00 (hours moved due to meetings of the American Political Science Association)
  - Cyber-Café – Module 2 discussion, on Zoom, Friday, 2:30-4:00 (will be recorded)

### Assignments for Week 4:

1. Exam #1 due Monday, September 12, 11:59pm

## Week 5, September 19 – 25

### Module 3 – Liberalism, Neoliberalism, and Idealism (asynchronous content)

- Review readings: P&G, Chapter 3 (pp. 77-87), with emphasis on sections on idealist roots and philosophy, Liberal Institutions, International Regimes, The Democratic Peace, and Collective Security.
- Review discussion on rationality and the Prisoners' Dilemma from P&G, Chapter 2 – synthesize with neoliberal institutional view
- Review lecture slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

### Module 4 -- Liberalism and International Organization & Law (asynchronous content)—second half of the week

- Readings: P&G, Chapter 7
- Lecture slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

### Optional Synchronous Sessions for Week 5

- Cyber Café Discussion Times and Office Hours

- Wednesday – Office Hours, 2002 Benedict Hall and on Zoom, 12:00-1:00
- Cyber-Café – Module 3 discussion, TBD (will be recorded)

#### Assignments for Week 5:

1. Discussion Board Questions #3 due Monday, September 19, 11:59 pm
2. Quiz on Module 3 due Wednesday, September 21, 11:59 pm

## Week 6, September 26 – October 2

Module 4 -- Liberalism and International Organization & Law (asynchronous content)—second half of the week

- Review readings: P&G, Chapter 7
- Review lecture slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

#### Optional Synchronous Sessions for Week 6

- Cyber Café Discussion Times and Office Hours
  - Wednesday – Office Hours, 2002 Benedict Hall and on Zoom, 12:00-1:00
  - Cyber-Café – Module 4 discussion, TBD (will be recorded)

#### Assignments for Week 6:

1. Quiz on Module 4 due Wednesday, September 28, 11:59 pm

## Week 7, October 3 – 9

Module 5 – Environment & Population (asynchronous content)

- Readings: P&G, Chapter 11
- Lecture slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

#### Optional Synchronous Sessions for Week 7

- Cyber Café Discussion Times and Office Hours
  - Wednesday – Office Hours, 2002 Benedict Hall and on Zoom, 12:00-1:00
  - Cyber-Café – TBD (will be recorded)

#### Assignments for Week 7:

1. Exam #2 due Monday, October 3, 11:59pm
2. Deadline to Paper Strategy assignment of research project, see guidelines, Friday, October 7, 11:59pm.
3. Discussion Board Questions #4 due Sunday, October 9, 11:59 pm

## Week 8, October 10 – 16

### Module 5 – Environment & Population (asynchronous content)

- Review readings: P&G, Chapter 11
- Review lecture slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

### Module 6 – Conflicts, Militaries, War & Gender (asynchronous content) – second half of the week

- Readings: P&G, Chapters 5, 6, and 3 (pp. 98-107)
- Lecture Slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

### Optional Synchronous Sessions for Week 8

- Cyber Café Discussion Times and Office Hours
  - Wednesday – Office Hours, 2002 Benedict Hall and on Zoom, 12:00-1:00
  - Cyber-Café – TBD (will be recorded)

### Assignments for Week 8:

1. Quiz on Module 5 due Wednesday, October 12, 11:59 pm

## Week 9, October 17 – 23

### Module 6 – Conflicts, Militaries, War & Gender (asynchronous content) – second half of the week

- Review readings: P&G, Chapters 5, 6, and 3 (pp. 98-107)
- Review lecture slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

### Optional Synchronous Sessions for Week 9

- Cyber Café Discussion Times and Office Hours
  - Wednesday – Office Hours, 2002 Benedict Hall and on Zoom, 12:00-1:00
  - Cyber-Café – TBD (will be recorded)

### Assignments for Week 9:

- Discussion Board Questions #5 due Sunday, October 23, 11:59 pm

## Week 10, October 24 – 30

### Module 6 – Conflicts, Militaries, War & Gender (asynchronous content) – second half of the week

- Review readings: P&G, Chapters 5, 6, and 3 (pp. 98-107)
- Review lecture slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

### Optional Synchronous Sessions for Week 10

- Cyber Café Discussion Times and Office Hours
  - Wednesday – Office Hours, 2002 Benedict Hall and on Zoom, 12:00-1:00
  - Cyber-Café – TBD (will be recorded)

#### Assignments for Week 10:

- Discussion Board Questions #6 due Sunday, October 23, 11:59 pm

#### Week 11, October 31 – November 6

##### Module 6 – Conflicts, Militaries, War & Gender (asynchronous content) – second half of the week

- Review readings: P&G, Chapters 5, 6, and 3 (pp. 98-107)
- Review lecture slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

##### Optional Synchronous Sessions for Week 11

- Cyber Café Discussion Times and Office Hours
  - Wednesday – Office Hours, 2002 Benedict Hall and on Zoom, 12:00-1:00
  - Cyber-Café – TBD (will be recorded)

#### Assignments for Week 11:

- Quiz on Module 6, Wednesday, November 2, 11:59pm
- Due date to complete the librarian assignment and meeting, Friday, November 4

#### Week 12, November 7 –13

##### Module 7 – International Trade (asynchronous content)

- Readings: P&G, Chapter 8
- Lecture slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

##### Optional Synchronous Sessions for Week 12

- Cyber Café Discussion Times and Office Hours
  - Wednesday – Office Hours, 2002 Benedict Hall and on Zoom, 12:00-1:00
  - Cyber-Café – TBD (will be recorded)

#### Assignments for Week 12:

- Exam #3 due Monday, November 7, 11:59pm

#### Week 13, November 14 –20

##### Module 7 – International Trade (asynchronous content)

- Review readings: P&G, Chapter 8
- Review lecture slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

##### Module 8 – Global Finance and Business (asynchronous content)

- Readings: P&G, Chapters 9
- Lecture slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

##### Optional Synchronous Sessions for Week 13

- Cyber Café Discussion Times and Office Hours

- Wednesday – Office Hours, 2002 Benedict Hall and on Zoom, 12:00-1:00
- Cyber-Café – TBD (will be recorded)

#### Assignments for Week 13:

1. Quiz on Module 7 due Wednesday, November 16, 11:59 pm

### Week 14, November 21 –27

#### Module 8 – Global Finance and Business (asynchronous content)

- Review readings: P&G, Chapters 9
- Review lecture slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

#### Optional Synchronous Sessions for Week 14

- Cyber Café Discussion Times and Office Hours
  - Wednesday – Office Hours, 2002 Benedict Hall and on Zoom, 12:00-1:00
  - Cyber-Café – TBD (will be recorded)

#### Assignments for Week 14:

- Continue to work on research paper and review material for module 8

### Week 15, November 28 – December 4

#### Module 8 – Global Finance and Business (asynchronous content)

- Review readings: P&G, Chapters 9
- Review lecture slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

#### Optional Synchronous Sessions for Week 15

- Cyber Café Discussion Times and Office Hours
  - Tuesday UN Security Council Simulation Day, November 29, 5:00pm
  - Wednesday – Office Hours, 2002 Benedict Hall and on Zoom, 12:00-1:00
  - Cyber-Café – TBD (will be recorded)

#### Assignments for Week 15:

- Research Papers due Tuesday, November 29, 4:00pm (see guidelines)
- See UN Security Council Simulation above under synchronous sessions

### Week 16, Final Exam:

- Due Wednesday, December 7, 11:59 p.m. (MST) -- This exam is cumulative by drawing on topics from earlier exams already covered. In addition to the older subject matter, the exam will include content based on the readings since exam #3.