

Introduction to International Relations

POLISCI 101Z/INTNLREL101Z

Section Times:

Th 4:30-5:20pm – Building 200, Rm. 303

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In general, you can expect email responses from me within 24 hours. I encourage you to plan ahead when working on assignments because I may not be able to get to last-minute questions via email. I also suggest that you to schedule appointments with me for office hours, particularly when there are upcoming assignments and exams.

Why Ought We Section?

Ideally, the discussion we do during section will serve as a bridge between the substantive content of the course and the extended analyses you will do for your exams and assignments. To that end, we will focus on reviewing key concepts and sharpening our analytical skills in class, by 1) critically analyzing the arguments from our readings, 2) comparing and contrasting those arguments to other ones presented in the class, and 3) applying these arguments to historical and current events (sometimes in the case of quantitative data), as well as arbitrating between them.

Class and Section Assignments

1. Reading Assignments: You are, of course, expected to all of the readings for the week before section and come prepared (including bring copies of the readings to class) to discuss them. If you have any questions about the readings or do not understand particular aspects of the arguments, please do not be afraid to ask!
2. Response Papers: This course requires that you submit two brief essays that responds to and analyzes the readings for the week. These response papers will make up half of your section participation grade. You are expected to submit at least one essay in the first half of the class—that is, up through Week 4. These essays should be no longer than 2 pages double-spaced with Times New Roman 12-point font and 1” margins.

Papers are **due by 7pm on Wednesday** for the weeks that you want to write. Please submit your papers via email as an attachment. Make sure you send word documents, not pdfs. The file name should be your last name, then first name, followed by the response paper number (e.g. HundleyLindsay1.docx).

Please paste the text of your papers in the body of the email, in case the attachment does not go through. **Late papers will not be accepted.**

Attendance & Participation

Attendance and participation is 20% of your final grade. Completing the two essay requirements, actively participating in class, and attending each section are essential to receiving credit for participation. Failing to attend section will significantly lower your grade.

If you are going to miss section with an excused absence, you should try to attend another section with another TA for your own knowledge. However, you must arrange it in advance with me and the TA of the other section you would like to attend. You are also required to write a one-page commentary on the readings for that section to count towards your participation for the week. These make-up assignments are due by 4:30pm on Monday following the section you missed.

Please note, however, you are not guaranteed an A for section participation even if you attend every section. You must actively participate, which depends not so much on the frequency with which you talk but rather the quality of the contribution. Moreover, while I encourage you all to speak up in section discussion itself, I understand that some people are less comfortable talking than others. Therefore, you can also gain participation credit by sending me a short paragraph raising a question or an interesting point about the readings for that week. If you would like to do this, please send me your short paragraph by **7pm on Wednesday before Section**. Please note that this short paragraph cannot be part of your reading response paper.

Finally, I understand that conflicts do arise. If you know you are going to miss section—even if your absence is unexcused—please email me **before** the section you miss. Communication is key to success in this class, especially if problems arise later during the quarter.

Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Please refer to and uphold the Stanford Honor Code, noting especially the rules on plagiarism.
<https://studentaffairs.stanford.edu/communitystandards/policy/honor-code>

Students with Documented Disabilities

Students who may need an academic accommodation based on the impact of a disability must initiate the request with the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) located within the Office of Accessible Education (OAE). Students should contact SDRC as soon as possible since timely notice is needed to coordinate accommodations. The OAE is located at 563 Salvatierra Walk, phone (650) 723-1066.