



School of Arts & Science  
SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT  
PSC 222  
International Politics  
2013 - Fall

1. Instructor Information:

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2. Intended Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to describe and explain (and in some cases critically assess):

1. The main theories of international relations, including realism, neorealism, institutionalism, liberal theory, and constructivism.
2. The relationship of the state to the international community, including issues such as security and war.
3. The role of international organizations such as the United Nations, the IMF, and the World Bank.
4. Certain contemporary trends, such as globalization and human rights.

3. Required Materials (also on reserve in the College library):

- (a) **Text:** Keith Shimko, *International Relations: Perspectives and Controversies*, 4th ed. (for sale in the college bookstore, and on reserve in the college library).
- (b) **Reader:** “International Relations: Readings – 2013” (for sale in the college bookstore and on reserve in the college library). Some, but not all, of these readings are the same as last year. Some, but not all, can be accessed on the Internet.

4. Course Content and Schedule:

Lectures and seminars: Monday and Wednesday – 11:30-12:50 – Young 211.

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

- (a) **Assignments** – one term paper, worth 40% of the final grade; this paper can be rewritten and resubmitted after your instructor has graded it. The higher of the two grades will be official.
- (b) **Quizzes** – three multiple choice tests, for a total of 55%.
- (c) **Exams** – none during examination week.
- (d) **Class participation** – up to 5% for students who contribute in a positive way to the class by asking questions, constructively debating with the instructor, etc. This can be done by speaking up in class and/or by emailing written questions to the instructor (see especially page 5 of the course outline). In other words, shyness should not be a barrier.

## 6. Grading System

(No changes are to be made to this section unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through the Education Council of Camosun College for approval.)

### Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

### Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at [camosun.ca](http://camosun.ca) for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. (For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3 <sup>rd</sup> course attempt or at the point of course completion.)
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

## 7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

### LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services, or the College web site at [camosun.ca](http://camosun.ca).

### STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services, and the College web site in the Policy Section.

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED