

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE
SYLLABUS

POS 120 WORLD POLITICS/GE

Credit Hours: 3 Lec 3COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores the existence of a world-wide political system and what that system means to individuals. It reviews agencies and personalities of foreign policy and attempts at international organizations, such as the United Nations.

1. COURSE GOALS

- 1.1 Identify the nation-states of the world and the various blocs and regional areas into which they fall.
- 1.2 Describe the resources owned or controlled by various nation-states.
- 1.3 Predict the direction in which world politics are taking us and what the future may hold in that respect.

2. OUTCOMES

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 2.1 survey the political map of the world and the various international blocs, alliances, and organizations through which the nations of the world communicate.
- 2.2 review the "ecology" of world politics, including attention to environmental, population, and resource problems contributing to, or brought on by, existing political arrangements in the world.
- 2.3 discuss where the world political system may be going in the future.
- 2.4 explore some of the more prominent hypotheses developed by philosophers and social scientists in regard to the world political system.
- 2.5 generate appropriate writing discourse according to the AWC Writing Intensive Courses: General Education guidelines.

3. AWC GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) CATEGORY & CRITERIA
SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

- The challenges of understanding the diverse natures of individuals and cultural groups who live together in a complex and evolving world
- How to think critically to better understand the range of human experience through time and to navigate stressful challenges inherent in the human condition
- How to investigate social consequences or large-scale and group economic, technological, scientific, political, ecological, and cultural change
- The importance of global awareness, intercultural knowledge, and intellectual humility, objectivity, and/or curiosity, by situating cultural, social, and/or intellectual artifacts in a diverse range of cultural, historical, and intellectual contexts

4. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- 4.1 Lectures
- 4.2 Readings
- 4.3 Discussions
- 4.4 Instructional technology

5. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 5.1 Reading assignments
- 5.2 Group discussion
- 5.3 Classroom presentation

6. EVALUATION

- 6.1 Quizzes and exams
- 6.2 Essay assignments
- 6.3 Oral presentations
- 6.4 Participation

7. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 7.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 7.2 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.
- 7.3 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 7.4 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty—including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 7.5 Texts and Notebooks: Students are required to obtain the class materials for the course.
- 7.6 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for “No Show” reporting during the first 10 days of each semester.

Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid.

For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):

 - Submitting an academic assignment
 - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
 - Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
 - Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
 - Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course