





Political Science (POLI) 330

International and Global Politics (Revision 6)

Status: Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#)  for the current revision 

Delivery mode: [Individualized study online](#) 

Credits: 3

Areas of study: Arts or Social Science

Prerequisite: None

Precluded: POLI 330 is a cross-listed course—a course listed under two different disciplines—with INTR 330. POLI 330 may not be taken for credit by students who have obtained credit for **INTR 330**.

Challenge: POLI 330 has a challenge for credit option.

Faculty: [Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences](#) 

Overview

Political Science 330: International and Global Politics is a three-credit, intermediate-level university course that introduces the main theoretical approaches to world politics and the main historical and contemporary contexts for international relations. Among the topics you will study are the nature of states, international organizations, multinational corporations (MNCs), nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and other actors, as well as the significance of other forces at play in the global context, such as gender, class, and race. This course will enable you to explore military and security politics (“war and peace”) and to gain a deeper understanding of international trade and finance. It will also help you recognize how global politics affects your life and will suggest ways in which you can “think globally” even as you “act locally.” Students are encouraged not to forget about nationalism and self-determination of various peoples and countries and the conflicts between them, even as they consider the growing interdependence and interconnectedness of today’s world.


Outline


- Unit 1: Approaching International Relations and Global Politics
- Unit 2: The Historical Context of International Relations
- Unit 3: Theories of International Relations
- Unit 4: International Security
- Unit 5: International Political Economy and Development
- Unit 6: Governance in a Globalized Era

Evaluation

Your final mark in POLI 330 will be based on the grades you achieve in two assignments and a final examination. To **receive credit** [↗](#) for the course, you must complete all assignments, and you must receive a mark of at least **C (60 percent)** [↗](#) on the exam. An overall grade of 50 percent is required to pass the course. Should you obtain a grade of less than 50 percent overall you may write a supplemental final exam. A passing grade of 60 percent is also required for the supplemental exam. Only one supplemental exam is permitted.

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1: Theoretical Review Essay	25%
Assignment 2: Research Essay	35%
Final Exam	40%
Total	100%

The **final examination** for this course must be requested in advance and written under the supervision of an AU-approved exam invigilator. Invigilators include either ProctorU or an approved in-person invigilation centre that can accommodate online exams. Students are responsible for payment of any invigilation fees. Information on exam request deadlines, invigilators, and other exam-related questions, can be found at the [Exams and grades](#)  section of the Calendar.

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#) .

Materials

Digital course materials

Links to the following course materials will be made available in the course:

Baylis, J., Smith, S., & Owens, P. (Eds.). (2022). *The globalization of world politics: An introduction to international relations* (9th ed.). Oxford University Press.

Other materials

All other materials can be found online.

Challenge for credit

Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about **challenge for credit** [↗](#) can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for the POLI 330 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least **D (50 percent)** [📄](#) on the examination.

[📄](#) **Challenge for credit course registration form**

Important links

- › **Academic advising** [↗](#)
- › **Program planning** [↗](#)
- › **Request assistance** [↗](#)
- › **Support services** [↗](#)

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