Overview

This course is aimed at graduate students with an interest in world politics and policy. It caters to beginners and more advanced learners, and is also suitable for highly motivated undergraduates in their senior year, with instructor permission. The Humphrey School strongly encourages all MPP students to take this class in the first year of their degree if interested in pursuing a global-related concentration.

This course covers basic applied concepts, such as realism, global governance, and global civil society; armed conflict; international trade, finance and monetary policy; international law; human rights; the global environment; and nuclear non-proliferation. The course applies all general concepts to concrete policy institutions and debates, demonstrating their practical utility, and their relevance to the job-search process.

Classes will be held weekly. Following the principles of “active learning,” the instructor will regularly call on students to demonstrate their understanding of the readings and class presentations. The conversation will be vigorous and inclusive; please come prepared to class.

Readings

Please purchase *World Politics* by Frieden, Lake and Schultz (Norton). You can purchase a second hand copy of the second edition, or the new third edition online. Presently, they are only offering print copies of the third edition for sale, but the online version may become available soon. All other readings will be on Moodle.

Requirements for the first week of class

- **Updated Moodle profile:** Please load a picture and brief description of your academic interests, career goals, and global policy interests on the class Moodle site by the first day of class (January 20, 2016).
- **Baseline Geography and G20 World Leaders Quiz:** Please bring a laptop to the first class so that you can complete the two baseline quizzes. You will receive your unique login for the quiz website on the first day of class.
• **Oral Presentation Signup:** Please signup for one of the group oral presentations. The signup sheet will open at 9 am on Thursday, January 21, 2016, and will close at 9 pm that same day.

• **Subscribe to a Major Global News Podcast:** Please subscribe and listen weekly to a major world news podcast such as the BBC’s *Global News, Business Daily*, or *The World This Week*.

**Assignments & Grading**

• **Class Attendance and Participation (10% of grade):** Please come to class and participate based on a careful reading of the assigned material, and close listening to instructor and student presentations. There will be a sign-up sheet at the end of each class to document your class presence.

• **Two Weekly Memos (25% of your grade):**
  o Within 24 hours of completing each class (i.e., by 9 pm the following Thursday), please post one short reflection memo, on Moodle, using 300 words to describe, *One or more interesting things I learned in the last class’ discussion, presentation, and/or readings.*
  o Then, within an additional 24 hours later (i.e., by 9 pm the following Friday), respond in 300 words to one of your classmates’ memos.
  o These two weekly memos should be on distinct topics.
  o Please pay attention to grammar, sentence construction, spelling, style, and logic. Write these two concise memos as if you were corresponding with senior colleagues in a professional place of work.

• **Oral Presentation (30% of your grade):** Please sign up for one 12-minute oral presentation on the first day of classes.
  o Arrange to deliver a practice version to me at least one week prior to your class presentation date, via my assistant, Laura Noble (lnoble@umn.edu)
  o Without successfully delivering the practice version at least 7 days in advance, you cannot proceed to the class presentation.
  o Although each student will research and present their own work and topic, you are presenting together in a logically connected cluster. Please make your arrangements to meet with me in advance as a group, and plan to stay for everyone else’s practice presentations, so that your materials are not redundant.
  o At least seven days prior to your presentation send me one short article that you’d like students to read before class about your topic. This item should be carefully chosen so that it is from a credible source; aimed at an educated but general audience; informative, rather than simply opinionated; and relevant background for your presentation.

• **Final Exam (35% of your grade):** On May 5, 2016 at 6 pm I will post five essay questions on Moodle.
  o You will have 48 hours to answer three of these, with open books, on Moodle. Each answer should be roughly 1000 words.
o Please cite (author, date, page) appropriate materials to support your argument, including assigned readings, lectures, student presentations, and class discussions.

- **Geography quiz (pass/fail):** During the last class on May 4, 2016, you must score a minimum of 85% on [this world country quiz](#) and on [this G20 world leader quiz](#), in “strict test” mode.
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2. Human Rights Watch  
3. Islamic Relief |
| 4. Feb 10  | States & Realism                     | European Countries           | 4. US foreign policy initiative  
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| 5. Feb 17  | War & International institutions     | African Countries            | 7. Ethiopia-Eritrea War  
8. US invasion of Iraq  
9. Indo-Pakistan War |
11. Syria – Security Council  
12. Syria – Russian policies |
14. Trans Pacific Partnership  
15. NAFTA |
| 8. March 9 | International Finance & Currency     | Western Asian Countries      | 16. Eurozone Crisis  
17. Asian Financial Crisis  
18. Ruble Crisis |
| 9. March 23| International Development            | Asian Countries (Without Western Asia) | 19. China’s growth  
20. MDis & SDGs  
21. Millennium Challenge Corporation |
| 10. March 30| International Law & Norms            | European Countries           | 22. NPT  
23. IHL  
24. Law of the Sea |
| 11. April 6| Human rights                          | African Countries            | 25. UDHR/ICCPR/ICESCR  
26. Spiral/boomerang models  
27. ICC & Bashir |
| 12. April 13| Managing Global Humanitarian Crises  |                              | (Dean Eric Schwartz, guest presenter)                                                      |
| 13. April 20| Humanitarian crises in the Middle East, Central Asia & Eastern Europe (Kevin Hartigan, Catholic Relief Services Regional Director, guest presenter) | | |
| 14. April 27| Global Climate Change                | All Countries                | 28. Kyoto agreement  
29. US-China agreement  
30. Paris agreement |
| 15. May 4  | Global Convergence or Divergence?    | All Countries G20 Leaders    | |

*Abbreviated Semester Plan
Global Policy PA 5801, Spring 2016*
1. **Course Overview (January 20, 2016)**

- Baseline [global country quiz](#)
- Baseline [G20 global leader quiz](#)
- Determine your LizzardPoint login number
- Signup on January 21 for your oral presentation

2. **IGOs and Global Governance**

- [Western Asian Countries](#) quiz
- Avant, Deborah Martha Finnemore, & Susan K. Sell (Eds.), *Who Governs the Globe?* New York: Cambridge University Press, pp. 1-25

3. **NGOs & Global Civil Society**

- [Asian Countries](#) (Without Western Asia) quiz

  Presentations: Catholic Relief Services, Human Rights Watch, Islamic Relief

4. **States and Realism**

- [European Countries quiz](#)

  Presentations: Three US Foreign Policy Initiatives
5. **War & International Institutions**
   - African Countries quiz
   - Frieden et al., *World Politics*, Chapters 3-5

   Presentations: Ethiopia/Eritrea; US in Iraq; Indo-Pakistan

6. **Civil War**
   - The Americas quiz

   Presentations: Syria; Syria & Security Council; Syria & Russia

7. **International Trade**
   - G20 Leaders quiz
   - Frieden et al, *World Politics* Chapter 7

   Presentations: WTO & the Doha Round; TPP; NAFTA

8. **International Finance & Currency**
   - Western Asian Countries quiz
   - Frieden et al, *World Politics*, Chapters 8-9

   Presentations: Eurozone Crisis; Asian Financial Crisis; Ruble Crisis

9. **International Development**
   - Asian Countries (Without Western Asia) quiz
   - Frieden et. al., *World Politics*, Chapter 10

   Presentations: China; MDGs/SDGs; Millennium Challenge Corporation

10. **International Law and Norms**
• European Countries quiz
• Frieden et al, World Politics, Chapter 12
• Louis Henkin, 1979, How Nations Behave, Selections

Presentations: Law of the Sea; International Humanitarian Law; Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

11. Human Rights
• African Countries quiz
• Frieden et al, World Politics, Chapter 12

Presentations: UDHR/ICCPR/ICESCR; Boomerang/Spiral models; ICC & Bashir

12. Managing Global Humanitarian Crises
Guest lecture by Dean Eric Schwartz
Readings TBA

13. Humanitarian Action in Syria
Guest lecture by Kevin Hartigan, Middle East Regional Director, Catholic Relief Services
Readings TBA

14. Global Environment
• The Americas quiz
• Frieden et al, World Politics, Chapter 13

Presentations: Kyoto, US/China, Paris

15. Global Converge or Divergence?
• Final global country quiz
• Final G20 global leader quiz