

# POLI 12: International Relations

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# Who Am I?



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## Grades, etc.

- ▶ Midterm (February 13): 30%
- ▶ Final (March 20): 30%
- ▶ Lecture “clicker” questions: 10%
- ▶ Section: 30%
  - ▶ Debate Preparation (group grade): 15%
  - ▶ Debate Performance (individual grade): 10%
  - ▶ Section Attendance and Participation: 5%

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# Section Format and Expectations

- ▶ “Quiz”: practice short answer responses to key terms, etc.
- ▶ Discussion about course material—only works if everyone comes prepared. Please do the reading and go to lecture :)
- ▶ Debate preparation
- ▶ Weeks 7-10: Debates!

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# Debate Format

Teams of 3-4 students. Each teammate needs to present at least one chunk.

- ▶ 5 min AFF
- ▶ 5 min NEG
- ▶ 4 min Q&A
- ▶ 3 min prep time
- ▶ 6 min AFF
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# Debate Resources

- ▶ Excellent debate handbook written by Brandon Merrell—available on my website and the course website.
- ▶ Office hours! Come talk to me early and often.

# Debate Topics

- ▶ SECURITY: “China’s rise poses a greater threat to American security than does transnational terrorism.”
- ▶ TRADE: “The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has harmed American workers, damaged the American economy, and should be renegotiated.”
- ▶ INTERNATIONAL LAW/HUMAN RIGHTS: “The United States has a responsibility to protect civilians in humanitarian crises, such as Syria.”
- ▶ ENVIRONMENT: “Developed countries should pay proportionally more towards repairing environmental damage and mitigating climate change than developing countries.”



# To do

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# A few key terms to begin

Sovereignty

Hegemony

Pax Britannica

# More Key Terms

NATO

Warsaw Pact

Bretton Woods System

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