

PSCI 2223 Introduction to International Relations / Spring 2014

RECITATION SECTION #102

Meeting time: Mondays, 1:00pm - 1:50pm

Location: DUAN (Duane Physics and Astrophysics) G2B47

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E-MAIL AND D2L POLICY

As a student at the University of Colorado, you are required to check your CU e-mail account daily. I will use e-mail for important announcements related to this class. In addition, you are also required to check the D2L page for this course on a daily basis for important announcements and course files.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR THIS RECITATION SECTION

Paper topic proposal form: Before or on **Monday, March 3, 1:00pm**, please bring a hard copy at the beginning of the recitation section.

Papers: **Monday, April 21, 1:00pm**. For each student:

- One hard copy of the paper at the beginning of the recitation section
- One electronic copy of the paper submitted via the Dropbox on D2L – submit to the folder for 12288.

RECITATION SECTION RULES

All policies noted in the main syllabus for this course apply. Please be aware of all **rules and obligations under the CU Honor Code** that apply to your work in this class. Also note the class policies regarding accommodations for religious beliefs and disabilities: you need to notify me of needing such accommodations **within the first two weeks of class**. In addition, please note the following:

Grade: Your performance in the recitation section earns you 20% of your overall course grade for PSCI 2223. See below for how your recitation section performance is evaluated.

Student initiative: You must complete all assigned readings prior to the class in which they are scheduled to be discussed. You cannot succeed in this class if you do not complete the assigned readings in time. This recitation will also be more rewarding the more time students spend on reading and thinking through the readings before coming to class. You should also make a habit of checking news sources (see below) on a regular basis to keep up with national and international events relevant to this class.

Participation: Participation in the recitation sessions is the main element of your grade for the recitation session. You are expected to offer your own insights based on class materials. To encourage participation, I will use random questioning, unannounced quizzes, and impromptu group assignments. Such assignments will count toward the participation grade.

Attendance in both the main lecture and recitation sessions is required - and will be taken using CUclickers. You must bring your CUclicker to lecture and recitation every time, otherwise your attendance will not be counted! As noted in the main class syllabus, each student starts out with 100 attendance points for the class (recitation session & lecture combined). Unexcused lecture or recitation session absences beyond the third one will decrease this point total by 10 points each. Use the three “freebees” wisely, for family affairs, job interviews, minor health problems, etc. but not on the exam days or when assignments are due; an absence on the due date does not mean that you can make the work up. Absences will be excused only in cases of serious health or family emergencies and appropriate documentation will be required. Please note that excessive excused or unexcused absences will also hurt your participation grade, because one cannot participate in class discussions if one is not present in class.

SELECTED NEWS SOURCES

Consult these news sources often to stay informed about current international events relevant to this class:

News sites:

- BBC News <<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world/>>
- New York Times <<http://www.nytimes.com>>
- Christian Science Monitor <<http://www.csmonitor.com>>
- The Guardian <<http://www.guardiannews.com>>
- Le Monde <<http://www.lemonde.fr>>
- The Economist <<http://www.economist.com>>
- Financial Times <<http://www.ft.com/>>
- Al-Jazeera English <<http://www.aljazeera.com>>
- AllAfrica.com <<http://allafrica.com>>
- Xinhua News Agency <<http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/>>

Podcasts:

- BBC Global News <<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/globalnews>>
- From Our Own Correspondents (BBC)
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/programmes/from_our_own_correspondent/default.stm>
- Foreign Dispatch (NPR) <<http://www.npr.org/sections/world/>>
- America Abroad (NPR)
<http://www.npr.org/rss/podcast/podcast_detail.php?siteId=102779651>
- The Diane Rehm Show's International News Roundup (Fridays, NPR)
<<http://thedianerehmshow.org/topic/friday-news-roundup>>