



## Introduction to International Relations

The Second Exam  
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The purpose of this exam is to determine how much of the material from the class (including in-class discussions, out-of-class events, and the readings) you have seriously considered. As such, use the question to demonstrate your mastery of the material.

### The Task:

Briefly: Your task for this examination is to write a textbook chapter about globalization.

This entire section in the book (Chapters 7 through 12) covers globalization in all its glory. Thus, to create an exam that accurately reflects your understanding of this chapter's material, I will have you write about globalization.

Since all of you have taken the POL 102: Introduction to Political Science course offered here, the typical student of that course will be your target audience. This *does not* mean dumb it down. It *does* mean that you need to pick out the most important aspects of globalization to present to them in a *clear and coherent fashion*. Let me reiterate that:

Since you cannot include all of the information about globalization in your chapter, you need to decide which topics are the most important and include those.

Those topics you include will also give *me* insight into what you really know about globalization. Pick and choose, but be able to defend your choices if it comes to that. There will always be more you *could* include, but you need to include what is most important. No, I will not help you make those decisions; it is part of the evaluation.

Your chapter needs to include appropriate headings (which you can do now, since you have worked on them through three writing assignments) and appropriate transitions between the sections.

In addition to the chapter itself, include an outline of that chapter to go in the front of the writing, a list of key terms, a series of questions covering the chapter, and (of course) a reference list. These last three items, called the end matter, need to come at the end of the chapter (hence the name). The outline is termed front matter and comes (not surprisingly) in the front of the chapter. All four of these items are on separate pages.

Examples are a must, as is clear writing. The chapter *must* be between seven and ten pages in length. This length includes *neither* the front matter nor the end matter. Follow the style sheet for the course.

Because you are writing this chapter from the topics you think are most important, I cannot give an outline for you to follow. In fact, you need to write one as a part of this assignment. I would *strongly* suggest that you write the outline first and follow it like you have followed my outlines.

On or before the due date, you are to hand in a hard copy of your chapter: Outline, Chapter Text, Important Terms, Thought Questions, and Reference List. You are also to email those five items (*in one file*) to me. It needs to be in doc, rtf, or pdf format. Have the name of the file be your login name. Have the subject line of the email be “Globalization Chapter” without the quote marks.

Will I use your chapter in my Introduction to Political Science courses? Perhaps. However, two things must be true before I will even consider doing that. First, your chapter must be good enough. Second, you have to sign a standard release form. You do not have to grant release if requested. *There are neither rewards nor penalties for doing so.* Neither points nor money is on the line.

Group test anyone? Yes, you may do this exam in *partners*—no more than two to a group. I will neither require a group, nor will I put the groups together. The grade for the exam goes to the members of the group equally. Thus, if your chapter gets an 84/100, then both members of the group (if it was done as a group) get 84 points. There will be no differential for one party of the group doing more (or less) work than the other. If you want a partner, choose wisely. Think about your experiences in the Tuna Wars activity—especially the cooperation you got from other members of the group and from other members of the class. The wise choice may be for you to have no partner at all, whether that is *your* choice or *the class’s*. I will not know (nor will I care about) the groups until you turn in the exam; a group exam will have both names at the top; an individual exam will have but one.

*A Final (New) Standard Caveat:* The easiest way to fail this course is to fail to cite and reference the sources you use to provide information—facts, theories, or definitions. Since you will be using sources other than the text, you will need a reference list—properly formatted. The reference list will be a separate page. You will also use *at least five non-Internet sources*. Before you hand in the exam, have someone proofread it. Poor grammar, spelling, and presentation *will* lower your grade. Maybe you should review the rules on using commas and other punctuation. Maybe you should also review the course style sheet and the APSA References sheet. At this point, there are some mistakes that are simply inexcusable.