

Global Governance Project: Proposal, Paper and Presentation Guidelines

Proposal: due Feb 25th IN-CLASS *** Presentation: April 29th IN-CLASSPaper: May 6th due IN-CLASS***

The Premise:

As a promising analyst in the international arena, you have just received a grant for ten million dollars. Because you are well-respected and considered one of the most knowledgeable in understanding pertinent global governance issues, you have been chosen to design and fund a project as you see fit.

However, in return, the group that has allocated you this money, the Fausett Institute for Organizational Governance Effectiveness (FIOGE), has asked for a report and presentation explaining your analysis and decision-making process in regards to how and where you will spend the money.

THE PROPOSAL: Due In-class, Feb 25th (5% of the total grade)

Your proposal should convey that you have done initial research and know what you are going to write about. Your main project is to propose “a solution” to a particular global governance problem of your choosing. Therefore, your proposal should explain the problem that you will be tackling. Do not just tell me war, AIDS, environment, economic inequality, etc. is an issue - you need to get more specific, what forms of war, economic or political inequality, ozone depletion, etc. seem most relevant and why.

Your proposal should include at least the following:

1. A working title (this can change)
2. An outline of the main points you will be discussion in the final paper (what problem you will address, why it's important, your own project idea)
3. An explanation of what sources you will use and how they will benefit your project (your sources should be varied - show me that you know how to find and can analyze data/theory/information from sources within your discipline.)
4. A preliminary bibliography. This should include at least 2 assigned readings from the class, as well as other external sources.

Use this proposal to convince me that you are pursuing an important issue. ***I must approve your topic – I will not accept final papers that have major changes in topic without prior approval.*** Make sure your project is new and innovative and not something other groups/organizations are already doing - you can build upon other work, but originality and insight are a key component here.¹ (Look to the questions you will have to address in the final paper for issues you may want to consider for the proposal.)

Proposal should be 500-800 words, double-spaced 1-inch margins. It is a standard paper that should include an introduction, body and a conclusion. (In other words, tell me what you're going to say, say it, then tell me what you told me.) It must be properly cited, including in-text citations and a bibliography/works cited page. Remember that every paper is an argument. Be sure to support each claim you make. Do not make vague, meaningless statements – be accurate and precise and present specific facts to support your statements.

THE PAPER: Due In-class, May 6th (10% of the total grade)

Your paper should demonstrate your acquired knowledge over the course of this class. There are three parts: 1) the main issue area you deem necessary for attention/expenditure and why; 2) an analysis of how addressing this issue and allocating money towards it can help increase global governance effectiveness in the arena of your choosing; and 3) your project outline and logistics.

(Part 1) Issue Area: This is where you tell me the area/issue in need of attention in regards to global governance. Build upon the concepts the class has used. Why have you chosen this issue over others? What are the major stumbling blocks that actors have faced in the past/present/future that has kept this issue unresolved or will

¹ Please note: the only topic you CANNOT write/present on is UN Security Council reform. Otherwise, the sky's the limit.

continue to do so? You can not solve the world's woes with ten million, so where can you focus your time and energy on? Be practical. (Your proposal should be very helpful for this section)

(Part 2) Analysis: This section should analyze how focusing on such an area would improve global governance effectiveness: What is the relationship between this issue area and cooperation in the international system? Will there be repercussions or extensions of this endeavor outside of the particular issue area? What are the short-term and long-term ramifications for addressing this issue? In order to do this, please reference at least 2 sources from class. You should also include at least one journal source (outside of those used in class).

(Part 3) Project Design: How exactly are you going to spend the ten million dollars? Explain your project in detail- parties involved in the process, how long the project would take, what materials and/or resources are necessary to complete the project? What groups will you rely on for help, is the focus grassroots, or is it aimed at political elites or even governments? Will you design a new institution or will you reform an existing one? Will this be an ad hoc arrangement, an IGO, a NGO or some mix thereof? Will the organizational structure (if there is one) endure beyond the initial funding and if so, how? How do you ensure the money is spent properly? Also, include potential pitfalls for your project- who will object and why? How can you deal with that? What will be the most difficult parts of implementation?

This paper should be no longer than 2000 words, double-spaced 1-inch margins. It is a standard paper that should include an introduction, the main sections mentioned above and a conclusion. It must be properly cited, including in-text citations and a bibliography/works cited page.

THE PRESENTATION: April 29th during class (5% of the total grade)

The final stipulation for this grant is to present your proposal. This should include some sort of visual medium (poster, powerpoint, video, etc...) and you should be ready to explain your project to an interesting and diverse crowd (your peers and the President of FIOGE). Imagine that you are "pitching" your action plan to those who will pick among the proposed plans and your job is to convince them that yours is best thought out, has the most merit and thus should be funded.

How the presentations will go: You will be divided into three groups ("rounds") and each group will have approximately 40 minutes to present to those students who are not presenting. You will set-up around the room and students can wander around and listen. Your presentation should be about 3-3.5 minutes and will be repeated several times over.

If you are not presenting, you will walk around and listen to the presentations. In addition, **each student will be assigned two peer evaluations and will grade these presentations** using a common rubric (which will be provided at the beginning of class prior to the presentations).

*Students will earn grades not only through their own presentations but through their ability to **provide constructive feedback** to their fellow classmates.*

Students should feel free to come by my office hours or set up an appointment to discuss potential ideas for this assignment.