

# POL 361 International Organization

## Spring 2008 - Exam 3

### Instructions:

This is a take-home exam. You must answer **THREE** questions (out of five). Your answers should be complete and carefully considered. Answers do not have a formal page limit, but typical answers are 1-2 typed, single spaced pages. If you start getting past 2 single spaced pages you are probably writing more than you need to. Each answer is worth 10 points.

All exams must be typed. You may use any standard and easily legible font (Times Roman, Arial, Courier, etc.) and the font size should be *no smaller than 12 point*. You may single space, double space, or any other space you like. I recommend single spaced answers as they use the least paper and have the smallest environmental footprint, as well as making my backpack lighter when I have to carry the exams home.

Answers will be graded on their ability to apply the material from the course lectures and readings to the questions in a way that demonstrates that you both know the information and can think critically about its application to the world. Emphasis will be placed on your ability to connect the key ideas of the course to actual historical events and to combine the two in a clear and concise argument.

In writing your answers you will be expected to apply the vocabulary we have used thus far in the course and to show clear and direct connections between the ideas you present and the course lectures AND readings. Any quotes from the text should be cited by placing the author's name and page number in parenthesis following the quote. There is no need to include a bibliography unless you use sources other than those assigned in the course.

This is a take-home exam. It is expected that it will be proofread and corrected for basic errors, including basic errors of fact. While I can tolerate some grammatical and spelling errors, they get annoying after a while and repeated errors will result in lost points. Basic errors of fact (such as putting WWI in the wrong century) will be considered to be a demonstration that you do not know the information and significant points will be deducted.

You may ask questions regarding the exam via email. If I haven't gotten back to you in 24 hours, assume I didn't get your email and send it again. My email treats emails without a subject heading or with spelling errors in common words as spam and deletes them without ever showing them to me, so please include POL361 in the subject line when you ask me a question.

If you wish to discuss your exam before you turn it in, please feel free to bring a working copy of your answer or answers (I will look at whole exams or single answers) to my office hours. If you can't make office hours, we can schedule an appointment.

The exam is due by 4pm in the Political Science Department Office on May 9, 2008. You must put the exam in my mailbox in the Political Science Department Office (Social Sciences 315) **before** 4pm. Be sure to get the right mailbox. There are two Professor Dixon's. My mailbox is on the counter in the mailbox area. Don't ask the department staff to date stamp your exam. Department policy is not to date stamp exams or papers. **ONLY HARD COPY EXAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** *You may not submit the exam in any electronic format.*

**Electronic submissions will not be accepted.** I will pick up all exams submitted to the Political Science Department office (Social Sciences 315) at 4pm. Exams that are not submitted by 4pm on May 9, 2008 will not be graded and your final grade will be calculated using "Option 1" as listed on the course syllabus (the option calculated without the optional final). Remember: I must receive the hard copy version of the exam by the deadline or the exam will be not be graded.

**Essays – answer three (3) of the following questions**

1. In the absence of a single world government, are international regulatory regimes ever likely to be effective? Why or why not?
2. Given the range of issues covered in the course, what is the single most significant obstacle to effective global governance today? What are the prospects for overcoming this obstacle?
3. Would a single world government solve the problems of the world of today or make them worse? Support your answer with at least two examples from the issue areas covered in the course.
4. Given disputes over the most basic scientific issues relating to the environment, what are the prospects for the success of negotiations to create a successor to the Kyoto Protocol?
5. Given our discussion of regional organizations, can such organizations provide an effective means of international governance for developing countries? Can such organizations help to overcome the problems of developing states in a globalized world?