



**TROY UNIVERSITY PACIFIC REGION
COURSE SYLLABUS**

**IR 6640 Government and Politics of
Developing Nations
Term 2, 2009**

Independent Study

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MEETING LOCATION, DATES & TIMES

This course will meet by arrangement between the instructor and student.

CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course includes an analysis of the modernization of developing states from a political, economic, social, and cultural perspective. Major strategies pursued by developing states for their growth and development will be discussed, including those shared by developing states which have a significant effect on the political and economic interaction between the developing and developed worlds.

TEXTBOOKS:

Achebe, Chinua. Things Fall Apart, New York: Anchor Books, 1994.

ISBN-10: 0385474547; ISBN-13: 978-0385474542

OVERALL OBJECTIVES/ PURPOSE:

The student will review the major theoretical perspectives regarding the economic, political and social life of developing nations.

STUDENT OUTCOMES/ COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this course the student should be able to: (1) Compare and contrast competing mainstream academic perspectives on the origins and

outcomes of governmental policies in the developing world; (2) Demonstrate knowledge of how developing nations make policy; and (3) Discuss and evaluate important case studies regarding developing nations.

SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS:

Unit 1: Introductory Concepts
Unit 2: Macroeconomic Realities
Unit 3: Elections in the Developing World
Unit 4: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
Unit 5: Midterm Project/International Aid
Unit 6: Globalization and Climate
Unit 7: Globalization and Sustenance
Unit 8: Peacekeeping and Security
Unit 9: Migration and Urbanization
Unit 10: Final Project

ASSIGNMENT OF GRADES:

Evaluation: Grades for the semester will be based on the following criteria:

--Individual Essays and Papers	80%
--Midterm and Final Project	20%

Final letter grades are then calculated on the following basis:

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	<60%

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Attendance (or continuous communication) is mandatory. No automatic cuts are authorized. Arrangements for excused absences must be made PRIOR to the absence. By university policy, the TROY's coordinator must be notified of students who miss more than 25% of classes.

INCOMPLETE GRADE POLICY:

A grade of "INC" can be assigned only when the student has a medical condition; a job or military duty schedule conflict; or some significant personal event. If a student requests an "INC", he or she must submit to the instructor a signed *Petition for and Work to Remove an Incomplete Grade* form indicating the

compelling reason for the “INC”. The instructor approving the request will document the required work and the deadline for completion. When the student completes the required work, the instructor will submit a *Change of Grade* form. In cases where a student fails to make up “INC” course work by the end of the next term in which they enroll, the “INC” will automatically be recorded as an “F” grade on the student’s record.

MAKE-UP WORK POLICY:

All classes missed must be made up, regardless of whether the absences were excused or unexcused. Make-up assignments will be given by the instructor on an individual basis.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA):

Troy University supports Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which insure that post-secondary students with disabilities have equal access to all academic programs, physical access to all buildings, facilities and events, and are not discriminated against on the basis of disability. Eligible students, with appropriate documentation, will be provided equal opportunity to demonstrate their academic skills and potential through the provision of academic adaptations and reasonable accommodations. Further information, including appropriate contact information, can be found at the following link: <http://www.troy.edu/humanresources/ADAPolicy2003.htm>

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT: By their enrollment, students are responsible for following the “Standards of Conduct” as they apply in the Troy University Pacific Region. Students may be disciplined up to and including suspension and expulsion for the commission of offenses in described in the Graduate Bulletin. As a reminder to graduate students, the “Standards of Conduct” regards dishonesty as an offense, which includes cheating and plagiarism. Students should carefully study the definitions of cheating and plagiarism:

1. Cheating includes:

a) Copying, or relying upon, another student’s answers or submitting another student’s work as one’s own or submitting as new work assignments previously completed for another class, while completing any class assignment, study group assignment, or during in-class or take-home examinations.

b) Providing one’s own answers to another student while completing any class assignment, study group assignment (except where approved by the instructor due to the nature of the assignment itself), or during in-class or take-home examinations.

c) Using notes, books, or any other unauthorized aids during an examination; or holding an unauthorized discussion of answers during in-class examinations.

2. Plagiarism is submitting a paper, other required student course requirement in which the language, ideas, or thoughts are identical to published or unpublished material from another source, including material found on the Internet, without correctly giving credit to that source. A good rule of thumb for correctly crediting a source is found in the citation below:

"Quotation marks should be used to indicate the exact words of another. Summarizing a passage or rearranging the order of a sentence and changing some of the words is paraphrasing. Each time a source is paraphrased a credit for the source needs to be included in the text. ... The key element of this principle is that an author does not present the work of another as if it were his or her own work. This can extend to ideas as well as written words."
(*Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 2001, p.349)

While computers and the Internet allow students to cut and paste work from other material, new software is making it easier for universities detect plagiarism. Instructors may screen electronic versions of student assignments using the detection software. To avoid the pitfalls of plagiarism, students are strongly encouraged to review information on it available through Troy University Writing Center resources at <http://www.troy.edu/ecampus/onlinegraduateprograms/writingresources.htm> and at the link to the Purdue University Online Writing Lab.

LIBRARY SUPPORT:

For online journals go to <http://www.troy.edu/>; select "Library"; then "Services"; and finally "Remote Services/Databases". At this point, you are required to put in your social security number to login to the databases.