

INSTRUCTIONS AND GRADING CRITERIA FOR TERM PAPER

1. Students will be required to write a term paper as required by Valencia College *Gordon Rule* – it must meet the minimum requirements set forth and papers that do not meet the minimum word count will be severely penalized.
2. Paper should be 5 – 8 pages in length (approximately 2000 words), *not including title page and reference pages*
3. Demonstrate college level writing skill
4. Double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12-point font
5. **Follow APA guideline** requirements, including abstract, cover page, citation/reference page

HOW DO I ACCOMPLISH THE ASSIGNMENT?

- I. Choose ONE of the topics offered in your instructions (see below)
- II. You are required to utilize a variety of different sources, both online and traditional, in completing the assignment – use the library!
- III. You must use a minimum of **SEVEN** sources – only **TWO** sources may be online sources (i.e. websites and/or blogs).
- IV. *An *online source* is a website or a blog; THIS MEANS ONLINE SOURCES ARE GENERALLY NOT AVAILABLE IN PRINTED FORMAT
- V. What is a **Non-online sources**? Non-online sources are eBooks found at the online library, any publication that can also be found in print, such as newspapers and journals, NYT, Economist, Financial Times or other magazines and/or books; scholarly journals and research papers are generally all accessible online, but are not considered to be an “online source”.
- VI. Use the online library accessible through ATLAS
- VII. Do not plagiarize.

Points will be deducted at discretion of instructor for, but not limited to:

1. Late submissions (zero points awarded for late work, no exceptions)
2. Formatting – Word or PDF only.
3. Double space, use of APA style
4. APA format must be used when you cite sources and list references
5. Clearly demonstrate understanding and knowledge about your choice of topic
6. Evaluate and integrate information; do not simply list items
7. Grammar/spelling – this is a college level course and you are expected to meet those writing standards; points will be deducted for turning in work which is not proofread and which does not meet a college level standard for use of the English language
8. Refrain from use of slang; if you are narrating or retelling a relevant story/incident, use quotation marks
9. Do not “write as you speak”

Writing great papers does not come naturally to most people, however, the writing center staff are there to help and it is up to the student to use all tools available and to make the best effort possible to turn in high quality work. Please do not hesitate to ask instructor for help, but do so in a timely manner!

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

1. Present the strengths and/or weaknesses of a particular intergovernmental organization (IGO), such as the United Nations, the World Bank, or NATO. In addressing this topic, consider the motivations for entities to join into collective organizations: a common problem, collective access to goods, etc. You'll also want to discuss bargaining within the IGO, rules and dispute resolution, information gathering, etc. What international laws (including customs, treaties, and authoritative bodies) affect the IGOs, and how are the laws enforced? What is the incentive for the IGO member to follow the laws? Some of the advantages you may discuss are the IGO's authority and permanence as well as the access to forums for discussion and information. IGOs can also be an alternative way to act collectively for the state, they can limit the power of the state, and they can provide an avenue for individual leadership. If you delve into the disadvantages, you may consider the limitations of membership, complexity and conflicts due to overlapping with other IGOs, and voting discrepancies due to power of the member in the IGO. Is it fair for certain entities to be excluded from IGOs? Can the IGO overextend its boundaries?
2. Analyze an international issue through a particular theoretical perspective, for example, through a realist, liberal, or radical interpretation. Your particular theory will play a big part of how you perceive and react to international relations; for example, you may question whether change is possible or even desirable. If you choose to discuss the issue through the realism approach, you want to discuss the role of the individual as a selfish, power-seeking entity functioning within a state that acts as one voice, and how they seek to fulfill national interest. A liberalist perspective should stick to the premise that people are basically good and moral, and that we develop institutions to bring out the best in people in order to deal with society's problems. You may also analyze the issue through a mixture of different theoretical perspectives.
3. Is globalization a positive phenomenon? If yes, why do we see so many protests against it? Use at least two theoretical perspectives to explain globalization.

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY PAPER?

- ✓ Papers are to be delivered electronically in the ASSIGNMENT box as a WORD DOCUMENT or PDF
- ✓ Please do not use “Apple language”, as I cannot open such documents.
- ✓ Not turning in your paper on time because you “didn’t know how to attach it” or “didn’t know how to submit it online” is not an acceptable reason for late papers – don’t wait until last minute!
- ✓ Double check to make sure your paper did attach and was submitted correctly – do not assume your paper was submitted simply because you hit “submit”, you should double check and make sure your paper attached during the submission process
- ✓ Papers **NOT** accepted via email; **must be submitted online through your assignment portal**
- ✓ This exercise teaches students to evaluate the textbook reading and put it in to context, showing an understanding of concepts, facts and topics as pertaining to international politics

DUE ON 12/7/2018!

CHECK PENALTIES FOR LATE SUBMISSIONS IN SYLLABUS.