

# Political Science 2401 - GLOBAL ISSUES

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REQUIRED TEXTS/READINGS:

World Politics: Trend and Transformation (**2011-2012 Update Edition**). 2012. Charles W. Kegley, Jr., with Shannon L. Blanton. Wadsworth Cengage Learning: Boston, MA. ISBN-13: 978-0-495-90655-1.

Please make sure you get **ONLY** the specific aforementioned text.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

POLS 2401, Global Issues: An introduction to international relations covering such issues as diplomacy, nuclear politics, war, secret intelligence, revolution, international development, debt, and dependence. Global Issues is an introductory survey course designed to introduce the student to numerous current issues confronting the globe's policy-makers and populations. Specifically, the course provides an opportunity for diversity in the student's educational program and provides information that fosters community responsibility and global understanding. 3-0-3

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES: Students will be able to:

1. Identify and describe some major political, economic, social, and environmental issues confronting the global community.
2. Evaluate major threats to peace and stability in the world today, and be able to discuss the underlying reasons for a lack of resolution.
3. Evaluate the demographic, economic, and/or ethno-national dimensions to issues of development.