

**PSCI 2500 International Relations**  
**Exam I Study Guide**  
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Your exam will be a combination of multiple choice, short answer and short essay questions. Short answer questions require only a few words or a sentence or two to answer. Short essays are longer and should be written in full sentences and paragraph format. You will have at least one short essay (10-15 minutes).

**Multiple Choice and Short Answer Questions**

- Some questions will come from the online quizzes. You have access to them even though the deadline for taking them has passed. The relevant quizzes are chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4. You may want to focus particular on the ones you got wrong, but reviewing all your responses is a good idea.
- Some questions will come from class lectures. If you have taken detailed notes and you review them thoroughly, you should be in good shape. Reliance only on downloading the slide printouts is not a sound strategy.
- There will be questions from the following videos:
  - "Let's rethink America's military strategy" by Thomas Barnett:  
[https://www.ted.com/talks/thomas\\_barnett\\_draws\\_a\\_new\\_map\\_for\\_peace](https://www.ted.com/talks/thomas_barnett_draws_a_new_map_for_peace).
  - "Global power shifts" by Joe Nye: [https://www.ted.com/talks/joseph\\_nye\\_on\\_global\\_power\\_shifts](https://www.ted.com/talks/joseph_nye_on_global_power_shifts).
- Know all the starred terms from class lecture. There are likely to be questions on all of them.

**Short Essay**

- These questions will require a 10-15 minute response. The best way to ensure that you do poorly is to race through them instead of thinking through what a complete and detailed response should be. You will get points for complexity and detail, and lose points for simplicity and brevity.
- I will give you two or three short essay questions, of which you will be required to choose one.
- Some study questions to help you prepare for the short answer questions and the short essay:
  - What is globalization? (Note: the definition is not enough to answer this question.)
  - What makes something a "global actor"? What kinds of global actors do we have in the world today?
  - What does it mean to both empirically and normatively examine globalization?
  - How did these three moments in history shape international relations today: the Peace of Westphalia, the American and French Revolutions, and the end of the Napoleonic Wars?
  - What were the impacts of WWI and WWII on the future of international relations(i.e. on what was to come after the wars, not the future from now)?
  - What is "realism" and how did it emerge as an influential approach to conducting international relations?
  - What is "liberalism" in international relations ("liberal internationalism") and how does it differ from realism?
  - What is the Marxist view of international relations?
  - What is the proposed solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and why is it so elusive?