

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) that will be similar in style to your first in-class paper.

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, and 3. 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 and articles:
 - "My escape from North Korea," from January 17 on the class schedule.
 - "Let's rethink America's military strategy," from January 22 on the class schedule.
 - "Global power shifts" by Joe Nye, the Ted Talk we watched in class. If you want to view it again, the link is https://www.ted.com/talks/joseph_nye_on_global_power_shifts.
 - The article "North Korea's nuclear programme: How advanced is it?" from January 17 on the class schedule.
 - The articles "Is Israeli Democracy in Danger?" (assigned for January 24) and "The Revolutionary Roots of Russian Foreign Policy" (January 31), both available on course reserves.
- 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:
 - 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?
 - Why does North Korea maintain a hostile posture with respect to the United States?
 - 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?
 - Why is the Korean peninsula divided and why is it the source of so much tension?
 - What is the proposed solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and why is it so elusive?
 - What are the grievances that the US and Russia have against each other?