

**PSCI 2500 International Relations**  
**Exam II 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 4, 5, and 6. You may want to focus in particular on the ones you got wrong, but reviewing all your responses is a good idea.
- All assigned readings are testable material. From the text, that's chapters 4, 5, and 6.
- 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 (all links are on the schedule page):
  - James Lindsay, "Seven foreign policy stories to watch in 2018."
  - "Bolivia has cut extreme poverty in half since 2006."
  - "Latin America and the left: U.S. policy toward Bolivia, Chile, Cuba, and Venezuela."
  - "Are China and the US doomed to conflict?"
  - "Fewer Vietnamese feeling the effects of war."
- Know all the starred terms from class lectures. 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 all three question categories:

- What are James Lindsay's seven foreign policy stories to watch in 2018? Be able to explain in two sentences the significance of each.
- What did Ian Bremmer (the video shown in class on February 12) mean when he says we live in a driverless, G-0 world? More importantly, what is the significance of that for the US today?
- What are the four P's and why are they significant in the study of American foreign policy?
- What is the history of American isolationism?
- What factors complicate the making of American foreign policy?
- How does "governance" differ from "government"? How do the examples of mail, maritime rules, and human trafficking help understand the concept of global governance?
- Who are the actors in global governance?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of the current Security Council's structure? What factors might be considered in reforming it?
- What are "problems without passports"? Be able to provide examples.
- Why do neoconservatives (who represent the realism school) oppose the United Nations?
- What did Susan Glasser (the video in class on Russia) mean when she said we now live in world of "great power competition"?
- How has war changed in the 21st century?
- What is terrorism? What are the four historical waves of terrorism?
- What was Apartheid? What are the challenges South Africa faces today?
- What explains the rise of the left in Latin America? Why has there been a reversal recently away from leftism?

- How did Evo Morales, the leftist president of Bolivia, cut poverty there?
- What factors explain China's spectacular growth? What are its challenges today?
- How is China attempting to expand its influence through both soft power and hard power strategies?
- Why does Kevin Rudd ("Are China and the US doomed to conflict?") think there might be hope for avoiding conflict between the US and China?
- How did Vietnam go from the devastation of war to one of the fastest-growing economies in the world today? What challenges does it face?