

INST 101, Fall 2016

Master syllabus and schedule

Introduction

INST 101 is a team-taught, interdisciplinary course, which is required of all beginning international studies majors. The course is closed to non-majors. It introduces you to contemporary international issues and major developments, employing perspectives from different academic disciplines. The three instructors are Professors Noell Wilson (Croft and History), Vivian Ibrahim (Croft and History), and David Fragoso Gonzalez (Croft and Economics). Students do a four-and-half-week-long segment of the course with each professor, following the rotation shown below.

Detailed information about each instructor's segment and requirements is available from the individual instructors in the form of class handouts, in-class instructions, and/or postings on Blackboard.

Please note that sections 1, 2, and 3 start out with a brief introductory meeting, which acquaints students and professors to each other, reviews the overall design and grading system of the course, and covers other housekeeping matters. This first class meeting, Tuesday, August 23, will also be used to administer the test on the summer reading and the geography assignment.

Summer assignment test

During the first class meeting on Tuesday, August 23, students will take the written tests on the summer reading and political geography assignment. Please note that results of the geography and summer reading tests will form part of the overall grade in INST 101. The required summer readings are: Patrick Chamoiseau, *School Days*; Amara Lakhous, *Clash of Civilizations over an Elevator in Piazza Vittorio*; Rudyard Griffiths and Patrick Luciani, eds., *Does the 21st Century Belong to China? The Munk Debate on China*. The geography requirement involves identifying countries on a number of blank map outlines from <http://www.eduplace.com/ss/maps/>.

Rotation

Wk.	DATES	Section 1/8:00-9:15	Section 2/9:30-10:45	Section 3/11:00-12:15
1	Tu 8/23	Wilson/Ibrahim/Gonzalez	Wilson/Ibrahim/Gonzalez	Wilson/Ibrahim/Gonzalez
1	Th 8/25	Wilson	Gonzalez	Ibrahim
2	Tu 8/30-Th 9/1	Wilson	Gonzalez	Ibrahim
3	Tu 9/6 – Th 9/8	Wilson	Gonzalez	Ibrahim
4	Tu 9/13-Th 9/15	Wilson	Gonzalez	Ibrahim
5	Tu 9/20-Th 9/22	Wilson	Gonzalez	Ibrahim
6	Tu 9/27-Th 9/29	Ibrahim	Wilson	Gonzalez
7	Tu 10/4-Th 10/6	Ibrahim	Wilson	Gonzalez
8	Tu 10/11-Th 10/13	Ibrahim	Wilson	Gonzalez
9	Tu 10/18-Th 10/20	Ibrahim	Wilson	Gonzalez
10	Tu 10/25	Ibrahim	Wilson	Gonzalez
10	Th 10/27	Gonzalez	Ibrahim	Wilson
11	Tu 11/1-Th 11/3	Gonzalez	Ibrahim	Wilson
12	Tu 11/8-Th 11/10	Gonzalez	Ibrahim	Wilson
13	Tu 11/15-Th 11/17	Gonzalez	Ibrahim	Wilson
14	Tu 11/29-Th 12/1	Gonzalez	Ibrahim	Wilson

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Grades

Inst 101 will be graded with + and – grades.

100-93: A	86-83: B	76-73: C	66-63: D
92-90: A-	82-80: B-	72-70: C-	62-0: F
89-87: B+	79-77: C+	69-67: D+	

Scores on the tests during the first day of class account for 10% of the grade in Inst 101. The remaining 90% of your grade will be divided equally among the three segments of the course taught by Professors Wilson, Ibrahim, and Gonzalez. Please note a final grade of C or higher is required in this course to earn credit toward completion of the international studies major.

Inst 101 and Blackboard

Blackboard will have some limited use in Inst 101. Professors at their discretion may post readings, assignments, and handouts on Blackboard and use the system to communicate with you via email. Please follow detailed instructions from each professor regarding the use of Blackboard. Unless an instructor informs you otherwise, Blackboard's grade book function will not be used.

Croft Institute Policies for all INST-classes

Academic Integrity

The University of Mississippi has an Academic Discipline Policy that this course will follow. Students are expected to submit their own original work in all aspects of this course and behave in a respectful manner both toward the professors and other students in the class. Suspected violations will be subject to disciplinary action according to the University policy. If you have questions, please consult the University's M Book (Section I, pp. 4-11). Link: <http://studentaffairs.wp.olemiss.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/14/2015/06/MBook14.pdf>

Use of Personal Computers and Cell Phones

The use of personal computers and cell phones in class requires the permission of the instructor. As a general rule, such devices may only be used to access educational materials directly related to the content of the class or to complete in-class assignments set by the instructor. If you are planning to access textbooks, BlackBoard readings, or other instructional material for the course through your device in class, please let your instructor know and make sure that s/he approves. Please bring printouts of readings to class whenever the instructor requests you do so.

It is not acceptable to use personal computers or cell phones in class for any purpose other than those explicitly recommended by the instructor. There is no place for checking e-mail, surfing the web, using Facebook, or completing homework for other classes during class time. This is not only a matter of better learning of the material, but also a question of professionalism and respect for your instructor and your peers.

E-mail Etiquette

Much of the communication between you and your professors will be by e-mail, and it is important that you follow certain basic principles of e-mail etiquette as a matter of courtesy and professional respect.

1. Please address your professor with title (Dr.) and last name. (Check the spelling of the name!)
2. Sign off with your name. (If you do that, there is no need to begin the body of your e-mail with your name.)
3. State your request or question clearly.
4. If you have a question about requirements or schedule, check the syllabus * first* to make sure that the question is not already answered there.
5. Please remember that professors do not check e-mail around the clock. Do not expect an answer after working hours (8am-5pm) and give the professor at least 24 hours to respond.