



- Gain proficiency of geopolitical concepts and case studies to understand current geopolitical conflicts.
  - Ability to use geopolitical concepts to evaluate geopolitical conflicts around the world.
  - Ability to assess geopolitical conflicts using a variety of geographic perspectives.
  - Describe where and why specific conflicts are taking place across various regions globally.
  - Develop critical thinking skills in terms of speaking and writing about geopolitical issues.
  - Ability to understand, explain and evaluate geopolitical discourse.
- Flint, Colin. (2012). *Introduction to Geopolitics*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. New York: Routledge.
  - Cockburn, Patrick. (2015). *The Rise of Islamic State: ISIS and the New Sunni Revolution*. New York: Verso.

Your final grade will be based on the following calculation:

Attendance	10%
Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	35%
Critical Analysis Term Paper	35%

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A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	D	F
90-100%	85-89%	80-84%	77-79%	73-76%	70-72%	65-69%	60-64%	50-59%	49% or Less

\*\*As per stated in the 2015-2016 Calendar

I. Attendance (10%):

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## II. Midterm Exam (20%) and Final Exam (35%)

There will be two exams over the course of the semester (see schedule below for dates). The exams will be a combination of multiple choice and short-answer essay questions, and they will cover material from the lectures, readings, and films. The midterm exam will only include material covered from the beginning to the middle of the semester. However, there will also be a cumulative final exam at the end of the semester. For the final exam, you will be responsible for all material covered in the course from the beginning of the semester to the end. The final exam date/time/location will be announced during the semester. All class lectures will be posted by midnight the night before each class meeting on the UVic CourseSpaces website (<http://coursespaces.uvic.ca>). You are expected to attend lectures and take notes because some information (concepts, ideas, themes, examples) will be discussed in the class that may not be on the lecture slides.

## III. Critical Analysis Term Paper (35%)

You are required to write a term paper for this course on the following required text:

, . (2015). ***The Rise of Islamic State: ISIS and the New Sunni Revolution.***

During Week 8 and 9 we will discuss the arguments and content of the text in class (see schedule below for class discussion date). You should follow these instructions as you write your paper:

- This paper should be a total of 8-10 pages doubled-spaced, 12 pt font size, 2.54 cm margins with proper in-text citations. You should also include a separate reference page for external sources cited in the paper (APA style is required).
- This paper is not a summary of



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