

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### Paper 2: When do countries cooperate and when do they fight?

**THIS PAPER IS OPTIONAL. If you choose to submit it, the grade will replace at 50% of your exam score for this course unit.**

**Due date: At the start of class, one week after we have taken the Unit 2 test.** If you have a conflict that will prevent you from turning the paper in by its due date, you must let me know at least 48 hours in advance to determine if an extension is appropriate. Late work will be accepted; however, I will apply a five percent deduction per day, starting the same day the work was due. This penalty will double in cases where a student has not promptly notified me that they have missed a due date, explained why work is tardy, and told me when the work will arrive.

**To be considered as having been submitted on time, you must:**

- (1) Turn a copy of the paper in at the start of class. It needs to be stapled.
- (2) Email the assignment as a PDF or MS Word or RTF attached document (if you send the document as an e-mail message, in Pages format, or as a link to a cloud server document or drive—such as Google Docs/Drive—the paper will not be accepted until it has been submitted in one of the acceptable formats).
- (3) Send it to: [msetzler@highpoint.edu](mailto:msetzler@highpoint.edu)
- (4) Make sure the message's subject line is: PSC2710paper 2

Please respond to the prompt below with an essay that is at least 1,750 words in length (aim for at 5-6 full pages; please don't submit more than eight), excluding the required bibliography. Your essay should be double-spaced, have numbered pages, and use standard page margins and font sizes. Your title section must list the paper's word count.

Before beginning your essay, *you should review carefully the handouts on the course website addressing paper grading criteria and citation expectations.* The paper's citations and bibliography should carefully follow one three formats most used in the social sciences: University of Chicago, the APA, or the APSA. For your convenience, my website provides a handout with many formatting examples using the APSA style. You need to use page-specific citations so that your instructor can quickly verify your interpretation of cited material.

The primary purpose of this assignment is to assess *your* understanding of and ability to apply the *assigned* materials, including the non-textbook readings. If you do not engage and analyze the relevant readings, it will not be clear that you have closely read them, and you will earn a low paper grade. As such, ***please do not use any outside readings or other sources*** unless you specifically have cleared doing so (i.e., you may not use the internet or unassigned authors to help you write the paper). If you substitute outside readings for the assigned readings, you will earn a failing grade for the content and analysis sections of the paper as it will be unclear that you have reviewed the assigned readings and class materials.

Before you begin to write this paper, you are required to read the syllabus sections on academic integrity and its policies related to using AI resources. AI use on this assignment is permitted but only for specific activities. You may NOT use AI to research your topic, summarize assigned readings, or for any of the writing of your paper. You MAY use AI in the ways explained here:

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You also must read the handout on citation requirements (follow the “Student Resources” link. Without exception, instances of plagiarism (cases where a student attempts to gain academic credit by submitting an essay in which a significant portion of the writing has been copied, paraphrased without citation, or patch-written from any other author, the internet, or another student) will be reported and punished according to university policy. You may not submit an essay for which you have received or will receive credit in another course.

#### Essay Topic:

***How well are states working together to address serious threats to international security, and what obstacles stand in the way of more effective cooperation efforts to address war and other difficult issues that require states to work together?***

In your answer, give specific examples from the readings and the documentary film, *The Peacekeepers*. Make sure to make a well-reasoned argument and that your essay addresses each of the following topics in some significant way: What factors make countries most and least likely to cooperate generally, and what does this

tell us about state cooperation on security issues? What are the most important international *security* organizations in the world today, and what powers do they have to influence and limit conflict? Whose interests do these organizations best serve, and what limitations do they have? Overall, how effective have they been in bringing countries together to make the world safer?