OBJECTIVES: This senior research and writing seminar integrates and assesses substantive knowledge, theoretical insights, methodological tools and other critical skills students have acquired throughout their International Affairs careers. Beyond traditional classroom learning the aforementioned integration also includes experiential education. In addition, each Capstone revolves around one central theme. This course will focus on Nationalism & Ethnicity.

There will be several writing assignments culminating a term paper and an oral presentation on your research. Class participation is a major part of the final grade. There are five books for this course. The first is a book on research and writing. The remaining four will center on the course’s primary topic: Nationalism and Ethnicity. The assignments will help you identify readings’ main points, formulate a research question, and elucidate key facets of your project in class.

REQUIRED READINGS: The following are available at the university’s bookstore.


GRADE POLICY: Students will read the required readings for that day and be prepared to critique the authors’ works. Hence, class attendance is mandatory, and participation is worth 20% of the final grade. Three points will be subtracted for each unexcused absence and any student with more than three unexcused absences will receive an “F” final grade for this course. Mandatory class attendance includes November 21 – the day before our Thanksgiving Break – and both of the oral presentation days (November 28 & December 5).
Students will have three major writing assignments. The first will be a three-page paper proposal due on October 17 and worth 10% of your grade. The second will be ten-page draft and bibliography due on November 7 and worth 20% of your grade. The third will be a final draft of your term paper due on December 12 and worth 35% of your grade. The final research papers will be twenty to twenty-five double-spaced pages in length, not including the cover page. The single-spaced bibliography will not count towards that page length.

The formal in-class presentation on your research paper, in November and December, will constitute 10% of your grade. Five percent of your total grade will be earned when students email the instructor a “snapshot” demonstrating that they filled out the TRACE evaluation for this course. Under no circumstances are students to send the contents of their evaluations — only a snapshot demonstrating completing the evaluation.

**Grade Breakdown:**

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Students must submit two copies of every writing assignment. The first will be a hard copy due at the beginning of class on their respective due dates. The second will be an electronic copy submitted via Turn-It-In on Blackboard due by 8:00 pm on the assignments’ respective due dates. The hard copy of the final paper will be due by 2:00 pm on Tuesday, December 12. Students will put the hard copy of that assignment in my office mailbox in 201 Renaissance Park. The electronic copy will be due by 8:00 pm on the 12th of December.

**READING ASSIGNMENTS:**

- September 12: Booth, chapters 1 – 2
- September 19: Booth, chapters 4 – 10
- September 26: Booth, chapters 11 – 17
- October 3: Anderson, chapters 1 – 6
- October 10: Anderson, chapters 7 – 11
STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC HONESTY: The College and the University take very seriously the issue of academic honesty. Any student who cheats on an exam or in the preparation and writing of a course assignment will at minimum fail the assignment in question and will be put on academic probation. Individual faculty, with the support of the Department, can impose harsher penalties as they deem necessary. Cheating includes plagiarism, which is defined broadly as taking ideas, concepts, or actual words of another person and passing them off as your own work. Your instructor will clarify specific guidelines on fair use of material for this class, but students should regard this as an official warning!

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT: As citizens and as members of an academic community, students enjoy the same basic privileges and are bound by the same responsibilities as all citizens. The campus is not a sanctuary from the general law. Northeastern University assumes that all students will abide by the policies, rules and regulations of the University and by state, local, federal, and host country laws. The University reserves the right to inform police or other appropriate authorities when student behavior appears to violate laws.

It is recognized that all members of an academic community, individually and collectively, have a right to express their views publicly on any issue; however, the University insists that all such expressions be peaceful and orderly, conducted in a manner consistent with the Code and University policies, and in such a way that University business and respectful academic discourse are not unduly disrupted. Moreover, students must clearly indicate that they are speaking as individuals and not for or on behalf of the University community. Students are expected to display proper respect for the rights and privileges of other members of the University community and their guests. The atmosphere in classes, laboratories, online, at University events and residence halls must be free from undue disruption. Furthermore, students must follow the reasonable directions of University personnel.

Students are expected to be honest and forthright in their course of dealings with the University. Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information to the University or University officials could result in being charged with a violation of the Northeastern University Code of Student Con-
duct. Students are expected to engage directly with OSCCR regarding any alleged violations of the Code. While students are free to consult with advocates and third parties, such third parties are not permitted to ask or communicate on behalf of students regarding alleged Code violations.


**TITLE IX:** Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 protects individuals from sex or gender-based discrimination, including discrimination based on gender-identity, in educational programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. Northeastern’s Title IX Policy prohibits Prohibited Offenses, which are defined as sexual harassment, sexual assault, relationship or domestic violence, and stalking. The Title IX Policy applies to the entire community, including male, female, transgender students, and faculty and staff. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, confidential support and guidance can be found through University Health and Counseling Services staff (http://www.northeastern.edu/uhcs/) and the Center for Spiritual Dialogue and Service clergy members (http://www.northeastern.edu/spirituallife/). By law, those employees are not required to report allegations of sex or gender-based discrimination to the University. Alleged violations can be reported non-confidentially to the Title IX Coordinator within The Office for Gender Equity and Compliance at: titleix@northeastern.edu and/or through NUPD (Emergency 617.373.3333; Non-Emergency 617.373. 2121). Reporting Prohibited Offenses to NUPD does NOT commit the victim/affected party to future legal action.

Faculty members are considered “responsible employees” at Northeastern University, meaning they are required to report all allegations of sex or gender-based discrimination to the Title IX Coordinator. In case of an emergency, call 911.

*Please visit [www.northeastern.edu/titleix](http://www.northeastern.edu/titleix) for a complete list of reporting options and resources both on- and off-campus.*

**NU REPROGRAPHICS:** NU Reprographics is an on campus resource for completing your academic copy/print needs (oversize posters, term paper binding, high quality color, etc.) for this course. Northeastern students can conveniently have their work done on campus. Contact information - 617-373-5646, or email – nucopycenter@neu.edu

**PLEASE NOTE:** The instructor reserves the right to amend this syllabus.