

POL 307 Course Plan - Effective March 23, 2020

To transition from a face-to-face class to an online class, we'll make a few changes to our original plan but keep many things the same.

The grading scheme for the course will remain the same, with all assignments retaining their original point values. Due dates (and times) for the remaining Article assignments, Exams, and the Simulation Paper will not change.

The Article assignment will be converted to a short written assignment, detailed requirements for which are posted on a newly created Assignments page of the class website. The remaining Exams and the Simulation Paper will need to be submitted electronically, emailed as PDF file attachments to the newly established class email address (307@warkentin.xyz).

Since we won't be meeting in person, we'll make some changes to the Participation component of your course grade. We won't be conducting class meetings online. Instead, you'll be expected to submit brief responses to some posted discussion questions for each class day on which we're scheduled to discuss textbook material. As with the Exams and Simulation Paper, you'll need to submit those responses electronically, emailed as PDF file attachments to 307@warkentin.xyz.

I'll be holding my (regular) office hours online, and will gladly schedule an appointment for another time if my regular hours don't fit your schedule. We can meet (virtually) via Zoom or, if necessary, via Skype. I'll send you some details and basic instructions on how to do that before the end of the day on Monday, March 23.

This transition will notably increase my email load, so I've created an email address exclusively for this class. Please use this address, going forward, which will make it easier for me to manage my communications with you.

The (new) email address for this class is 307@warkentin.xyz. I'd like us all to use this address (instead of my regular "oswego.edu" address) for all subsequent communications. I'll regularly check this account, as often (or more often) than my regular "oswego.edu" account.

While we won't be conducting class meetings online, you'll be expected to synchronously participate (during our regular class time, from 11:10-12:30) on days that the Simulation is scheduled on the syllabus.

There is no reading assignment for Tuesday (3/24), since we'll begin the Simulation exercise that day. Tomorrow or Monday (3/22 or 3/23), I'll send you your team assignments with instructions on how to get started. You'll need to set aside a few minutes, before the "class period" begins at 11:10 on Tuesday, to register for the simulation and familiarize yourself with the interface.

I've fully revised the syllabus to reflect these and other changes. Most notably, as mentioned, I've added an Assignments page that includes detailed descriptions of all course assignments (including the new Participation assignment). I've also added some resources to the Tools page.

I've attached a Syllabus, in PDF format, that includes the newly created Assignments page. Both the Syllabus and Assignments page are available on the class website (warkentin.xyz/307).

Feel free to let me know if you have any course-related questions or concerns.