

PSC 2442: International Organizations in World Politics
First Analysis Paper
Fall 2018

Key Details

Choose **ONE** of the following questions and write a **two to three-page paper (500-750 words)** responding to **all** parts of the question. Standard formatting specifications (double spaced, 1-inch margins, 12-point Times New Roman font, Chicago style in-text citations, Chicago style works cited page) apply to this paper. Don't worry about citing lectures or titling your paper. Citation resources are provided under the "General Resources" folder in Blackboard.

Begin your essay by indicating which question you are addressing with the number and the question. Include the following statement as the header of your paper: *"I, [insert your name], understand the GW Code of Academic Integrity and have completed this paper according to its guidelines. The work herein is mine alone."* Plagiarism and other failures to comply with the code will be heavily penalized.

Your analysis paper must be submitted as a single Word document through SafeAssign no later than **2pm on Wednesday, September 19. Bring a hard copy to class.** Unexcused late assignments will be penalized 5 points per calendar day, calculated from the beginning of class on the due date.

Evaluation Criteria

This assignment develops your ability to write succinctly and directly, answering a central question about international organizations for an educated reader.

Good papers will do the following (these are the 5 points of the rubric):

- Make a clear argument stated in a thesis sentence and developed in the paper.
- Incorporate and analyze assigned readings and lectures as evidence for the argument.
- Structure the paper to best make and support the argument.
- Be well-written: spelling and grammar are polished, with effective syntax.
- Cite all evidence in the proper format with a works cited page.

The grading rubric for this paper is posted on Blackboard under the "Assignments" tab.

Questions – choose ONE

1) How do principal-agent theory and bureaucratic culture theory attempt to explain IO behavior? Are some IO behaviors better described or explained by one theory or the other? Provide example(s) of how each theory can be applied to an IO to justify your answer.

2) Why (or under what conditions) would policymakers choose bilateral versus multilateral foreign policy tools? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each? Give examples of both advantages and dangers to justify your answer.