

Large Class Tips

For 300 to 1000+ student classes using Statecraft

First of all: you've made an excellent decision! Statecraft IR is an innovative, effective way to increase engagement and promote active learning in your virtual classroom.

Both you and your students are going to enjoy it.

Statecraft is a great way to have an engaging and exciting class activity in your large intro course that can be seamlessly switched to an online-only format. Read on >>>



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1. Split up your class into sim sections of 100 students or less

Ideally, each TA will have 1 to 3 Statecraft worlds they are managing. It is important to think of your TA as the instructor of their own simulation (this also works as a great exercise to help them learn the ropes of teaching as a Ph.D. candidate).

***For classes with a student to instructor ratio over 300 Statecraft will not be an effective learning exercise.



2. Lean on your automation tools

Select the foreign policy attitude survey during the simulation setup process to have Statecraft automatically survey students during their account creation process and assign them to ideal teams.

Utilize the Statecraft online and autograded test banks covering the entire Intro to IR course. Simply export results to Excel and then to your learning management system.

Focus on setting up one simulation, and all settings and scheduling updates will be automatically copied across all simulations.



3. Utilize the Statecraft Debriefing Presentation

For online-only classes or classes that need to switch online, the debriefing presentation offers a great asynchronous activity that drives home simulation events in a fun and memorable way. Students can simply edit and record their presentations among their groups and send it to their TA who will run the video during the presentation day over Zoom.

In addition, both students and TA's will enjoy the debriefing presentation far more than paper assignments at the end of the semester.



4. Utilize the Statecraft Grading System

Make sure students clearly understand how Statecraft factors into their course grade as the Statecraft grading system automatically tracks and reports end-of-sim performance grades in an Excel exportable format for your Learning Management System.

It is absolutely crucial that students take the grading awards seriously in their simulation in order to be incentivized to act in ways that parallel the real world.



5. TA's and Students need to lean on Statecraft Support

Put the help@statecraftsims.com email directly into your syllabus and make a point to remind TA's and students alike that any and all questions related to the simulation can be directed to the support team.

Statecraft Support is available 7 days a week and is highly responsive and helpful for making sure students get the assistance they need to continue their simulation experience without issues.



6. Review Online Success Tips

Take a look at the Online Success Guide in your instructor profile and consider how you will either utilize Statecraft entirely online, or if necessary transition Statecraft online this Fall.

For example - TA's can arrange breakout Zoom sessions, discussion boards in your learning management system, and even online country position videos that students can post to build coalitions of support to solve Statecraft global challenges.

That's it! Please share tips & reach out with questions or concerns.

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Do you have other innovative ideas for online class success? Please tell us! Let's keep sharing great ideas within the Statecraft community.

Always reach out with questions or concerns. Instructors who ask questions report some of the best overall Statecraft class experiences, so we highly encourage you to contact us! We like talking to you.