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PSC 130E.01: Introduction to International Relations

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Political Science 130       Spring 1999
Introduction to International Relations       LA 11

Office Hours:    Hayes: LA 349 - MWF 10:00-11:00 and by appointment
McLaughlin: Cor 347 - TR 11:00-12:00 and by appt.


2. Weekly news magazine and/or daily newspaper to keep up with world events.

This course is a general introductory survey of contemporary international relations. The main emphasis is upon the transformations that have occurred in the substance and process of international relations in the period since World War II.

Course Requirements:
The course is divided into four sections of approximately four weeks each. At the conclusion of each section, there will be a one-hour exam covering the material of that part only. There will be no comprehensive final at the end. The exams will consist of objective and short essay type questions and will be designed to draw equally from the textbook and lecture material. Each exam will count for 25% of the final grade.

**MISSED EXAMS WILL BE MADE UP ONE WEEK AFTER THE EXAM DATE.**

Legitimate reasons for missing an exam are limited to the following:
1. Sickness
2. Family emergency
3. Personal exigency

To be eligible to make up an exam, written documentation is required.

In order to make the experience of this course as pleasant and rewarding as possible for all concerned, you are asked to observe the following rules. Do not come to class late or depart early. Do not use class time to read the Kaimin, write letters, chat with your neighbors or engage in other activities not related to the course.

**TOPIC OUTLINE**

1. Defining the Subject  
   Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 1, 17

2. Images and Perceptions  
   Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 2
3. The State and Foreign Policy  Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 3
4. War and National Power  Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 4

EXAM #1 - February 11, 1999
5. The North-South Conflict  Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 5
6. Nonstate Actors - IGO's  Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 6
7. Nonstate Actors - NGO's  Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 7
8. International Political Economy  Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 8

EXAM #2 - March 18, 1999
9. The Global Village  Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 9
10. Demographics  Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 10
11. Environmental Issues  Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 11
12. The Nature of Armed Conflict  Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 12

EXAM #3 - April 15, 1999
13. The Changing Nature of Power  Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 13
14. Diplomacy -- then and now  Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 14
15. Old Fashioned Security  Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 15
16. Alternatives to Armed Conflict  Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 16

EXAM #4 - MAY 11 - 10:00 - 11:00

Note: March 9 is the last day to drop classes or change grading option.