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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Required texts available for purchase in UC Bookstore:

1. Glenn Hastedt and Kay Knickrehm, eds., *Toward The Twenty-First Century*. Englewood Cliffs, N.J: Prentice-Hall, 1994.
2. John T. Rourke, ed., *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in World Politics*. Guilford, Conn: Dushkin Publishing Group, 1995.
3. Jeremy Brecher and Tim Costello, *Global Village or Global Pillage*. Boston: South End Press, 1994.

Students are encouraged to read The Christian Science Monitor. Forms are available from the professor. Students can order a 10-week subscription, available at the special student rate of \$15.85. Students are strongly encouraged to watch news programs on TV (C-Span, public television, weekend talk shows), listen to public radio, and read relevant journals as means for becoming and/or keeping informed about current affairs. Current events will be discussed often in class, and students who do not make an effort to keep up outside of class will be at a disadvantage.

This is an introductory course to international relations. No assumptions are made regarding prior knowledge of the topic. Students will be required to study a variety of conceptual issues vital to the study of international relations, and apply these to current international issues. Ethical, as well as political and conceptual considerations, will be important to our evaluation of historical and contemporary international issues.

In general, I will lecture on Monday and Wednesday. In general, on Fridays we will have class debates based on assigned readings from the Rourke text. Students will be required to come prepared to participate actively in these debates. Preparation will be facilitated by written assignments. In general, the assignment will be to 1) summarize the yes position, 2) summarize the no position, and 3) analyze the debate. EACH SECTION MUST BE CLEARLY NUMBERED. The papers should be between one and two pages, typed. They are due the day of the debate. Late papers will be accepted only under exceptional circumstances. The analysis should either defend a preference for one position or argue the relative merits and/or deficits of both positions. Students are welcome to cite additional literature. From time to time, the assignment may change. Any changes will be announced in class.

Grading:

Friday Assignments	40%
Exam #1	20%
Exam #2	20%
Final Paper	20%

Students are required to attend class regularly. In addition, lectures and discussions will assume that you have read the material carefully - before the period for which it is assigned. Students who do not come to class, or repeatedly come to class unprepared, may have their grade lowered. Students who come regularly prepared and contribute to class discussions may have their grade raised.

It may become necessary from time to time to rearrange assignments or alter the schedule. Any changes in scheduling will be announced in class. If you miss class, you are responsible for checking with another student for lecture notes and any announcements that may have been made regarding scheduling or assignments. Exams will cover reading assignments, lectures, any films shown in class, and class discussions.

READING ASSIGNMENTS

September 8, Rourke, Issue 1 (Post-Cold War World)
September 11, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 1-31
September 13, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 32-69
September 15, Rourke, Issue 4 (Bosnia)
September 18, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 70-90
September 20, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 91-106
September 22, Rourke, Issue 10 (Free Trade)
September 25, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 107-121
September 27, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 122-141
September 29, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 142-165
October 2, Rourke, Issue 9 (Foreign Aid)
October 4, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 166-181
October 6, Rourke, Issue 7 (Africa)
October 9, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 182-206
October 11, Exam workshop
October 13, **Exam #1**
October 16, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 207-233
October 18, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 234-249
October 20, Rourke, Issue 11 (Immigration)
October 23, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 250-265
October 25, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 266-285
October 27, Rourke, Issue 12 (Permanent UN Military Force)
October 30, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 286-314
November 1, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 315-330
November 3, Rourke, Issue 18 (Global Population)
November 6, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 331-359
November 8, Rourke, Issue 17 (Global Environment)
November 10, Holiday
November 13, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 360-374
November 15, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 375-389
November 17, Rourke, Issue 20 (Morality and Human Rights)
November 20, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 390-422
November 22, Holiday
November 24, Holiday
November 27, Hastedt & Knickrehm, pp. 423-438
November 29, Exam workshop
December 1, **Exam #2**
December 4, Brecher and Costello, pp. 3-46
December 6, Brecher and Costello, pp. 49-80
December 8, Brecher and Costello, pp. 83-117
December 11, Brecher and Costello, pp. 121-165
December 13, Brecher and Costello, pp. 169-184
December 15, **Debate on Brecher and Costello**

Final Paper

Your final assignment will be to write a five page (double spaced) paper that relates to the Brecher and Costello volume. Details of the assignment will be announced in class. The paper will be due Friday December 22, during the final exam period, 8am - 10am. **NO LATE PAPERS ACCEPTED.**