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Political Science 230
Introduction to International Relations

Spring 1995
For 206

Office Hours: LA 349 - MWF 10:00-11:00 and by appointment

Textbooks: 1. Kegley and Wittkopf, World Politics (4th ed)
2. International Relations (FacPac)
3. Student Atlas of World Politics
4. Weekly news magazine and/or daily newspaper to keep up with world events.

Course Requirements:

This course is a general introductory survey of contemporary international relations. The main emphasis is upon the changes that have occurred in the substance and process of international relations in recent years.

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 20% of the final grade. In addition, there will be occasional map quizzes and short written exercises dealing with ethical considerations at the international level. These will collectively count for 20% of the final grade.

Current events and material from the Student Atlas will be integrated throughout the course as appropriate.

MISSED EXAMS MUST BE MADE UP NO LATER THAN ONE WEEK AFTER THE EXAM DATE.

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

READING ASSIGNMENTS

1. Defining the Subject

Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 1
FacPac, I-3; I-4

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| 2. Images and Perceptions | Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 2
FacPac, I-5; I-6 |
| 3. The State and Foreign Policy | Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 3
FacPac, I-1; I-2 |
| 4. War and National Power | Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 4
FacPac, I-7 |

EXAM #1 - February 8, 1995

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| 5. The North-South Conflict | Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 5
FacPac, II-3; III-3 |
| 6. Nonstate Actors | Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 6 |
| 7. International Political Economy
(First World Perspectives) | Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 7
FacPac, II-5; III-5 |

EXAM #2 - March 8, 1995

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| 8. International Political Economy
(Third World Perspectives) | Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 8
FacPac, III-3 |
| 9. Environmental Issues | Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 9
FacPac, III-1 |
| 10. Natural Resources | Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 10
FacPac, III-2 |
| 11. National Security in the
Nuclear Age | Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 11
FacPac, III-6 |

EXAM #3 - April 5, 1995

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| 12. The Nature of Armed Conflict | Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 12
FacPac, II-4, II-6 |
| 13. Controlling Armed Conflict | Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 13
FacPac, II-2 |
| 14. Alternatives to Armed Conflict | Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 14 |
| 15. The New World Order? | Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 15
Facpac, III-4 |

EXAM #4 - MAY 12 - 10:10 - 12:10

Note: February 16 is the last day to drop classes or change grading option.