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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Autumn 1996
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Required texts available for purchase in UC Bookstore:

1. James Rosenau and Mary Durfee, *Thinking Theory Thoroughly: Coherent Approaches to an Incoherent World*. Westview Press, 1995.
2. John Rourke, ed., *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in World Politics*. Seventh Edition. Dushkin Publishing Group, 1996.
3. John Isbister, *The Immigration Debate: Remaking America*. Kumarian Press, 1996.

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.

Students are required to read all assigned readings carefully and before the class period for which they are assigned. Students are encouraged to read The Christian Science Monitor. Forms are available from the professor. Students can order a three month subscription, available at the special student rate of \$21.00 (or 10 weeks for 19.00). 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.

Grading:

Exam #1	1/4
Exam #2	1/4
Class participation, debates, written assignments, quizzes	1/2

A NOTE ON PARTICIPATION GRADE: Students are required to come to class having read the material assigned for that day. The professor reserves the option to ask questions of students, give pop quizzes, and any other means necessary to ensure that students come prepared to engage in class discussion. All students will be required to participate in at least one formal debate (details to be announced). Students will also be required to come to each debate with a TYPED question for each of the two positions being debated. Additional written assignments may be assigned over the course of the semester.

Remember: Education is not a spectator sport. Come ready to play.

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. If you should find it necessary to come to class late or leave early, due to family, work, or other legitimate reasons, please feel comfortable to explain your situation to me. Exams will cover reading assignments, lectures, any films shown in class, and class discussions.

READING ASSIGNMENTS

September 6, Rosenau & Durfee, chapters 1 and 2
September 9, Rosenau & Durfee, chapter 3
September 11, Rosenau & Durfee, chapter 4
September 13, Rourke, Issue 1
September 16, Rosenau & Durfee, chapter 5
September 18, Rosenau & Durfee, chapter 6
September 20, to be announced
September 23, Rosenau & Durfee, chapter 7
September 25, Rosenau & Durfee, chapter 8
September 27, Exam Workshop
September 30, Exam #1

October 2, to be announced
October 4, Rourke, Issue 3
October 7, Isbister, introduction and chapter 1
October 9, Isbister chapter 2
October 11, Rourke, Issue 4
October 14, Isbister chapter 3
October 16, Isbister chapter 4
October 18, Rourke, Issue 5
October 21, Isbister chapter 5
October 23, Isbister chapter 6
October 25, Rourke, Issue 6
October 28, Isbister chapter 7
October 30, Isbister chapter 8

November 1, Rourke, Issue 7
November 4, to be announced
November 6, Isbister chapter 9
November 8, Exam workshop
November 13, Exam #2
November 15, Rourke, Issue 8
November 18, Rourke, Issue 9
November 20, Rourke, Issue 10
November 22, Rourke, Issue 11
November 25, Rourke, Issue 12

December 2, Rourke, Issue 13
December 4, Rourke, Issue 14
December 6, Rourke, Issue 15
December 9, Rourke, Issue 18
December 11, to be announced
December 13, Rourke, Issue 19