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Political Science 230
Introduction to International Relations

Spring 1998
LA 11

Office Hours: Hayes: LA 349 - MWF 10:00-11:00 and by appointment
Kopf: Corbin 347 - M 4:30-6:00 and by appointment

Textbooks: 1. Kegley and Wittkopf, World Politics (6th ed)
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.

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

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Defining the Subject | Kegley and Wittkopf, Ch. 1 |
| 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 19, 1998

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| 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 19, 1998

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 16, 1998

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 14 - 9:00 - 10:00

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