International Relations Syllabus

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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DESCRIPTION

A study of the relations between sovereign nations with special emphasis on the causes of war, security and peace issues, and international political economy.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Each student is responsible for assigned readings and should keep a looseleaf notebook of class materials.
2. Regular attendance and class participation are essential. Reading assignments should be completed before the class meets. Be prepared to discuss textbook material, readings, and current events.
3. Exams must be taken at the scheduled date and time.
4. Students will be tested on the lecture, reading, and discussion material through a series of objective quizzes and two short answer and essay exams. The top four quiz grades represent 40% of the grade. Each exam represents 25% of the grade.
5. Each student will make an oral presentation (7-12 minutes) on a historical or contemporary topic and will draw upon at least two scholarly articles. Presentations will be scheduled between October 5 and November 16 and are to be accompanied by a 4-6 page brief (or abstract), typed and double-spaced. (10%)
6. Each student will take a pass/fail political geography quiz.

READING LIST

Textbooks

Mansbach, Richard W. The Global Puzzle, 2nd ed. [M]
Thompson, Kenneth W. Fathers of International Thought. [T]

Reserve Desk

Spiegel, Steven L., and David J. Pervin. At Issue, 7th ed. [S]
Supplementary Readings [G] [Gray Notebook]

SCHEDULE

PART ONE:  CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION IN WORLD POLITICS  (August 31- September 14)
Introduction


Perspectives

Readings: K. 2; V. 1, 4, 28, 5-6, 9, 2, 13-14.

PART TWO: RELATIONS AMONG GLOBAL ACTORS (September 19-October 12)

Decision-Making

Readings: K. 3; V. 3, 18-19, 22

POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY QUIZ: September 21 (last 25 minutes of class)

Power Politics and the System of States

Readings: K. 4-5; V. 35, 26, 7, 32-34; S. 11

The Totalitarian Temptation


Non-State Actors

Readings: K. 6; S. 25-27

PART THREE: PROMOTING THE GENERAL WELFARE (October 17-31)

Political Economy

Readings: K. 7-8, S. 31-33

MIDTERM EXAM: October 24

Political Ecology
Readings: K. 9-10, S. 27-30

PART FOUR: PROVIDING FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE  (November 2-30)

National Security and War


Paths to Peace

Readings: K. 13-14; V. 46-49; S. 3-4

PART FIVE: TOWARD THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY  (December 5-7)

Envoi


FINAL EXAM: December 12

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Acheson, Dean. Present at the Creation.


Billington, James. Fire in the Minds of Men.

Burnham, James. The Machiavellians.

________. Suicide of the West.


Clausewitz, Karl von. On War.

Crosman, Richard, ed. The God That Failed.

Djilas, Milovan. Conversations With Stalin.
Ellul, Jacques. *Autopsy of Revolution*.


Jouvenel, Bertrand de. *Power*.


Penkovskiy, Oleg. *The Penkovsky Papers*.

Rowse, A. L. *Appeasement*.

Shafarevich, Igor. *The Socialist Phenomenon*.


Sun Tzu. *The Art of War*.

Thatcher, Margaret. *The Downing Street Years*.