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**World Politics**

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***Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00-11:30 a.m.***

***OA2006***

**Office Hours:**

Tuesday and Thursday 11.30-12.30 --or by appointment--

**A. OBJECTIVES AND CONTENTS:**

This is an introductory course on world politics. Its purpose is to acquaint the students with the theoretical and conceptual frameworks, to the fundamental concepts and notions of International Politics which will enable them to analyze particular political issues and events of world politics.

The course will be divided into two parts. The first part will focus on the basic concepts of International Relations and the second part will focus on the International System which deals with interactions among nation states in world politics. The first part covers not only the conceptual debates, but also the historical background to the theory of international relations. The second part examines contemporary discourses in world politics, such as security, terrorism, north-south relations, multinational corporations, trade, development, and conflicts.

**B. TEACHING METHODOLOGY:**

Lectures and class discussions

**C. EVALUATION:**

Attendance and Participation	: 5%
Mid-term Test	: 25%
Research Paper	: 30% (optional)
Final Examination	: 40% or 70% <b>TAKE HOME</b>

**Students are strongly urged to be in touch and benefit from consultation with the instructor.**

**D. TEXTBOOKS:**

John Rourke and Mark Boyer, *International Politics On the World Stage* (McGraw-Hill).

**Recommended Texts**

1. K. Holsti: *International Politics* (Toronto: Prentice Hall). **On Reserve in the Library**
2. T. Coulombis: *Introduction to International Relations*. **On Reserve in the Library**

**Students are reminded to consult the University's policy on cheating and plagiarism.**

**E. RESEARCH TOPIC:**

Any contemporary issue of world politics (8-10 pages typed, double spaced). Due on the last lecture day of this course.

**Your research paper will have the following components:**

1. Title Page: indicate your name, student number, course number, lecturer's name, department and university
2. Text or Body of the Paper
3. Source citations and Reference Page

**In writing your paper you should:**

- a. use and explain any theoretical framework from class lecture
- b. select one issue/topic/country
- c. collect and analyze the data on the topic and,
- d. conclude the topic in the light of your theoretical framework

**If you need further advice please do not hesitate to consult me.**

<b>LECTURE OUTLINE</b>
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**WEEKS**

**TOPICS**

**Week 1**      Introduction: An Overview of the Course

**Week 2**      World politics: Scope and Development of the Subject; Evolution of the International Systems

Readings:	Rourke: Chapters 1 and 2
Recommended Readings:	Holsti: 25-51
	Coulombis: 28-38

**Week 3**      Nation state and Nationalism; imperialism and colonialism:

Readings:	Rourke: Chapters 4 and 5
Recommended Readings:	Coulombis: 57-75

**Week 4**      National Power and Balance of Power

Readings:	Rourke: Chapter 6
Recommended Readings:	Coulombis: 77-98

**Week 5**      Foreign policy: Decision-making, goals, formulations and execution:

Readings:	Rourke: Chapter 3
Recommended Readings:	Coulombis: 114-137
	Holsti: 83-130

**MID-TERM TEST-October 21, 2010**

**Week 6**      Diplomacy: structures and instruments,  
Functions of diplomatic Missions, types of diplomacy:

Readings:	Rourke: Chapter 6
Recommended Readings:	Coulombis: 139-160
	Holsti: 130-149

- Week 7**      Economic Instruments of National Policy  
Readings:                      Rourke: Chapter 10 and Lecture  
Recommended Readings: Holsti: 116-191
- Week 8**      Psychological Warfare: Propaganda and Terrorism  
  
Readings:                      Lecture  
Recommended Readings:      Holsti: 151-165
- Week 9**      War, Conflict and International Security:  
  
Readings:                      Rourke: Chapter 9  
Recommended Readings:      Coulombis: 39-58
- Week 10**     Conflict Resolution: Collective security and peaceful settlement of disputes:  
  
Required Readings:              Lecture  
Recommended Readings:      Holsti: 327-359
- Week 11**     International Organizations: Historical Development,  
League of Nations: origin and failure: United Nations  
  
Readings:                      Rourke: Chapter 7  
Recommended Readings:      Coulombis: 269-277
- Week 12**     International Political Economy: North-South Relations.  
  
Readings:                      Rourke: Chapters 10 and 11  
Recommended Readings:      Coulombis: 315-376
- Week 13**     International Political Economy: MNCs.  
Readings: continued
- Week 14**     Conclusion: Future of International Politics: some provocative scenarios  
  
Readings: Rourke: Chapter 12 and Lecture

**RESEARCH PAPER DUE**

**FINAL EXAMINATION - TAKE HOME**