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## PSC 130E.01: International Relations

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## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Required text available for purchase in UC Bookstore:

1. John Baylis and Steve Smith, (eds.). (1997) *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*. Oxford University Press.

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 theoretical 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**. In addition, students are **required** to keep up with major international events. This can be done in a number of ways, including reading one of the major daily newspapers available in the Mansfield Library (for example, try alternating between the New York Times and the Christian Science Monitor). Students may also keep up by watching news programs on TV (C-Span, public television, weekend talk shows). Try listening to public radio. The ambitious may also want to read relevant journals as a means of becoming and/or keeping informed about current affairs. (See, for example, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, Commentary, New York Review of Books, Current History, Harpers, International Organization, World Policy Journal, World Politics, The Nation.) Current events will be discussed often in class and show up on exams and quizzes. Thus, students who fails to make an effort to keep up outside of class will be at a serious disadvantage.

Your grade will be based on two in-class exams and a series of quizzes. Each exam and your combined quiz grade will count for 1/3 of the total grade. Exams and quizzes will be based on assigned readings, class discussions, and a series of films that we will watch in class. Quizzes may or may not be announced in advance. The quiz grade will average scores over the semester, minus the single lowest score. If you are absent or fail to turn in a quiz, you will receive a zero. If you are absent for more than one quiz, you have the option of turning in a written note explaining why the absence should be excused. A verbal explanation, in person or on the phone, is not sufficient. Excused absences are allowed for illness, or family/individual emergencies. Students are expected to attend class regularly and be prepared to answer questions concerning major international news stories, that day's reading, and films already viewed in class. If you miss a film showing, you are responsible for locating a copy of the film and watching it on your own.

It may become necessary, over the course of the class, 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.

## READING ASSIGNMENTS

September 2 Introduction and chapter 1  
September 7 chapter 2  
September 9 chapter 3  
September 14 chapter 4  
September 16 chapter 5  
September 21 chapter 6  
September 23 chapter 7  
September 28 chapter 8  
September 30 chapter 9

October 5 Exam #1

October 7 chapter 10  
October 12 chapter 11  
October 14 chapter 12  
October 19 chapter 13  
October 21 chapter 14  
October 26 chapter 15  
October 28 chapter 16  
November 2 chapter 17  
November 4 chapter 18  
November 9 chapter 19

November 11 Holiday

November 16 chapter 20  
November 18 chapter 21  
November 23 chapter 22

November 25 Holiday

November 30 chapter 23  
December 2 chapter 24  
December 7 chapter 25

December 9 Exam #2