OBJECTIVES OF THIS COURSE:
Students will be able to:

1. appreciate the importance of studying international politics.
2. think critically about international politics.
3. demonstrate knowledge and discernment in evaluating and proposing resolutions to international conflicts.
4. understand the relation of international and domestic politics.
5. understand the basic concepts of international politics.
6. identify major forces/actors/behaviors shaping international relations.

PROCEDURES FOR ACCOMPLISHING THESE OBJECTIVES:
Read all assignments in the text/handouts prior to class lectures/discussions, take complete and accurate notes on lectures and discussions, attend classes unless excused, participate in class discussions and satisfactorily complete all requirements.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION OF COURSE:
1. Read and study text/handout assignments before lecture/discussion in class. (See Course Outline.)
2. Satisfactorily complete 3 oral reports. (See separate handouts.)
3. Complete all examinations. There will be 3 exams. (See make-up policy.)
4. Attend/participate in classes. (See attendance policy.)

GRADING PRACTICES:

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CLASS ATTENDANCE/BEHAVIOR AND MAKE-UP POLICY:

Two unexcused absences are permitted. Additional absences must be excused by the instructor. Each unexcused absence beyond two will result in a lowering of the oral reports grade by one whole letter grade. Excessive absences may lead to failure in the course or removal from the course roster. Excessive lateness may be counted as absences. All students are expected to contribute to a positive learning environment. The instructor may ask a disruptive student to leave the classroom.

Make-ups are permitted only with the approval of the instructor. Only one make-up will be scheduled for each exam/report.

TEXTBOOKS:

John T. Rourke and Mark A. Boyer. International Politics on the World Stage, Brief. Seventh Edition. Supplemental reading will be required in the form of handouts and in preparation for oral/written reports.

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

The withdrawal deadline for classes with a guaranteed “W” is April 7th. No classes on March 11, 20, 25 and 27. Last regular date of class is May 20. Weather make-up dates are May 22-23.
COURSE OUTLINE

Jan. 24 ____________ Introduction

Jan. 24-31 Basic Concepts                        Text/Chapter 1

   **Study questions:** Why study world politics? What is politics? How do domestic and world politics differ? Interact? What is theory? Types of theory? What are the characteristics of idealism (liberalism) and realism as approaches to international politics?

Feb. 5 World Political System                   2-3

   *Is it a system? At what levels can international politics be analyzed? What are the characteristics of the international system? What are the major trends?*

Feb. 7-14 Nationalism and Ideologies-Impact on International Politics 4-5

   *What is nationalism/how does it impact international politics? Is nationalism a positive or negative force? What are some of the major transnational ideas, ideologies, religions, movements in the global arena and how do they impact international politics? What are states, nations, nation-states, sovereignty?*

Feb. 19-21 ORAL REPORT-Discuss one of the major trends of the international system in the context of a current or continuing situation/event. (See separate handout.)

Feb. 26 EXAM

Feb. 28-Mar. 4-6 National Power and Diplomacy 6

   *What are the characteristics and ingredients of national power? How can national power be measured? What are limits on national power? What is diplomacy? What are the tasks of diplomacy? How is diplomacy organized? What are the functions of diplomats? Why has diplomacy declined and how may it be strengthened?*

March 13-18 Diplomacy Simulation

April 1-3 International Organizations: Regional and Global 7

   *What are the types of and reasons for international organizations? The United Nations: How has its membership grown/shifted? What are its purposes? What is its basic organizational structure? What are some of the major issues/controversies surrounding the U.N.? What is the future of international organizations?*
April 8  
**International Law and Morality**  
*What is the nature of international law? How does it compare to domestic law? What accounts for the growth of international law? What are its sources? Is it effective? Are there universal standards of human rights/morality? Should moral considerations shape foreign policy?*

April 10-15  
**ORAL REPORT** - on an international organization of your choice. (See separate handout.)

April 17  
**EXAM**

April 22-May 1  
**National Security and War**  
*What is national security? How may security be achieved? Why study war? How has war changed? What are some of the general causes of war? How have technology and nationalism impacted war? What is terrorism? Can it be prevented?*

May 6  
**Economics and Politics**  
*How are economics and politics related? Why have economics had a growing influence on global politics? Why are there gaps in the development of nations and how do economic disparities impact international politics? What are some of the economic issues among the developed nations? How have the developed nations responded to the problems of the LDC’s? What do the LDC’s expect of the developed nations? What has been the response to these problems so far?*

May 8-13  
**ORAL REPORT** - on a less developed country of your choice. (See separate Handout.)

May 15  
**Global Environmental Problems, Solutions and the Future**  
*What are the major global environmental problems? Can these problems be solved by nations acting unilaterally? What are the basic paradoxes that will shape world politics in the future?*

May 20  
**EXAM**

NOTE: Dates of topics, reports and exams subject to change to permit flexibility. Report and exam date changes will be announced at least one week in advance.