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Chaminade University of Honolulu
Winter Evening Program
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Kaneohe MCBH

COURSE Political Science 37520--**International Relations**

TIME S--1230-1640

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TEXTBOOK Jones, Walter S. **The Logic of International Relations.**
Eighth Edition. New York, Longman, c1997.
Purkitt, Helen E., Ed. **World Politics 98/99.**
Nineteenth Edition. Connecticut, Dushkin/McGraw-Hill, c1998.

INTRODUCTION/DESCRIPTION

International Relations-World Politics is at an epochal turning point: the demise of the Soviet Union, apparent end of the Cold War, possible turn to national-international anarchy or a New World Order, the gradual move into space, and, of course, the coming of the new Millennium, are all revolutionary changes in the world arena. To understand this process of political evolution, we shall ask three main questions. **First**, what is International Relations-World Politics (IR/WP), and what does it consist of: what persons, events, processes and institutions do we need be aware of and understand? **Second**, how do we understand IR/WP; that is, what mental processes of thought and feeling (analytical, holistic) must we employ to achieve deep insight? **Third**, and most importantly, how and where do we place ourselves in the progression and meaning of world affairs? Thus, the course is designed to: (1) help you become aware of International Relations-World Politics--persons, events, forces, processes, institutions, issues and controversies; (2) help you gain the necessary skills to interpret and form your own view of IR/WP--its past, present and possible future; and (3) develop your ability to visualize your own place in the great pageant of world politics--in terms of your origins, present situation and desired future. Thus, we will cover international history, major concepts of politics and world affairs, fundamental processes of war and peace and the impending shift from World Politics to Space Politics.

CLASS OBJECTIVES: Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able:
*To acquire a fundamental awareness of International Relations-World Politics--persons, events, processes, institutions.

- *To **develop** their own analytical-holistic thought process and to **formulate** their own conception of IR/WP.
- *To **visualize** themselves as world political beings and their place in world affairs.
- *To **communicate effectively, both orally and in writing**, about International Relations-World Politics: its nature, content, seeming direction and their position in it.

CLASS FORMAT

The class will be an interactive, cooperative learning experience wherein both instructor and students participate and grow. The class will consist of a number of activities, including: lectures; multi-media events, such as videos and recordings; guest speakers; class discussions; a short--2 page--paper (required)/class presentation (optional, 5-10 minutes=5 extra points); a longer--5-7 page--course paper (to be approved by the instructor); a mid-term examination; and a final examination.

REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

Students are expected to attend class prepared to participate in activities/discussions by: being open minded/ready to think critically; reading/keeping abreast of the news; and completing class readings/assignments.

The grading system will consist of the following:

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| 1. Class attendance/participation | 10 pts. |
| 2. Short paper (R)/class presentation (O) | 20 pts. |
| 3. Longer course paper | 20 pts. |
| 4. Mid-term examination | 25 pts. |
| 5. Final Examination | 25 pts. |
| 6. Extra Credit--1 Page Paper | 2 pts. |

100-90=A; 89-80=B; 79-70=C; 69-60=D; 59 AND BELOW=F

CLASS SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>READING (Chapter)</u>
Week 1 JANUARY 16	Introduction New World Order, Russia	J1-2 P-U1
Week 2 23	America, Allies	J3-4 P-U2
Week 3 30	China, Developing Nations <u>SHORT PAPER/PRESENTATION</u>	J5-6 P-U5
Week 4 FEBRUARY 6	Power, Balance of Power	J7-8 P-U8
Week 5 13	International Security, Causes of War <u>MID-TERM EXAMINATION</u>	J9-10 P-U6
Week 6 20	International Political Economy	J11 P-U7
Week 7 27	International Trade-Monetary Exchange Complete Short Paper Presentations	J12-13 P-U4
Week 8 MARCH 6	International Law-Organization	J14-15 P-U3
Week 9 13	International Integration-Future World Order <u>LONGER COURSE PAPER DUE</u>	J16-17 P-U9
Week 10 20	<u>FINAL EXAMINATION</u>	