

Course Syllabus
International Politics, Political Science 240
Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-1:45 Dane Smith Hall 327
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International Politics The transition to a borderless information and economic space on a world wide level-- globalization--is transforming the way that people and organizations deal with one another around the globe. Local markets for capital, goods, services, and information are being integrated into international markets. Computers and electronic transmission technology are transforming the world into a single information field. International standards for products, services, practices, and procedures are replacing local custom and habit. Fundamental change is taking place in how societies distinguish between the public and private sectors. Globalization is opening vast new possibilities for the creation of prosperity and for the improvement of the human condition. At the same time, globalization is giving rise to unique administrative challenges. Local decision making bodies are increasingly required to conform to international demands and standards. Redesign of the private sector is taking place most significantly in the world's emerging markets and countries undergoing the post-communist transition from collectivist political and economic institutions to market economics and open political relationships.

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: This course in International Politics is a survey of the history, the methods of analysis, and the substantive issues of relations among states in the contemporary world. This course is designed as a foundation for further study in international studies, but may be valuable to anyone seeking to better understand the nature of the international community. Topics include the history of diplomacy, the struggle for power and wealth among states, the role of international organizations such as the United Nations, and the efforts of states to cooperate to promote democratic, sustainable development.

CURRICULUM STRUCTURE AND COURSE ADMINISTRATION The text for this course is *International Politics in a Changing World* by Glenn Hastedt and Kay Knickrehm (Longman Publishers, 2003). The text is available in the University bookstore. Grading for the course is based upon: 1) mid term (30 percent); 2) lab group participation as indicated by lab reports (30 percent); and 3) a final exam (40 percent). The exams are a combination of multiple choice and essay questions. Exams are administered in-class. Students will participate in laboratory sessions on a regular basis. These laboratory sessions provide an opportunity to interact with the instructor and student colleagues to analyze theoretical and applied problems of contemporary international affairs. Office hours are Tuesday and Thursdays from 9-11 and Wednesday 9-11. Other times are available by appointment. Office phone 277-7391 and email gleasong@unm.edu.

	week of	Topic	Reading
Week 1	Jan 20	Introduction	Hastedt chap 1
Week 2	Jan 25	Diplomatic history and theories	Hastedt chap 2
Week 3	Feb 1	Power	Hastedt chap 3
Week 4	Feb 8	Systems	Hastedt chap 4
Week 5	Feb 15	Foreign policy	Hastedt chap 5
Week 6	Feb 22	Conflict	Hastedt chap 6
Week 7	Mar 1	Cooperation	Hastedt chap 7
Week 8	Mar 8	Midterm exam	Chaps 1-7
Week 9	Mar 15	Break	
Week 10	Mar 22	International economy	Hastedt chap 8
Week 11	Mar 29	Russia	Hastedt chap 9
Week 12	April 5	Asia Pacific and south	Hastedt chap 11
Week 13	April 12	Commons	Hastedt chaps 13, 14
Week 14	April 19	Laboratory Session General Assembly	Hastedt chap 16
Week 15	April 26	Assembly Debriefing	
Week 16	May 3	Review	
Week 17	Final	Thursday May 12, 10:00-12:00	

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