Introduction to World Politics

Course Title: Introduction to World Politics
Course Alpha/Number: POLSC 120
Credit Hours: 3
Catalog Description: Power economics and world politics from cross-national perspectives. Discussion of U.S. foreign policy since 1945.

Requirements Course Satisfies:
- At UH-Windward: Meets AA Degree Social Science requirement
- At UH-Manoa: Meets General Education Social Science Group 1 requirement
- At UH-Hilo: Meets Social Science core requirement
- At UH-West Oahu: Meets Social Science core requirement

Prerequisites: None

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COURSE GOALS: Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of basic terms, concepts, and principles of international relations.
2. Demonstrate ability to analyze political processes, institutions, and issues in the foreign policy environment.
3. Apply basic terms, concepts, and principles to everyday life.
4. Enhance understanding, appreciation, and effectiveness in political participation.

COURSE TASKS:

1. Attendance is required. Unexcused absences will result in grade reduction.
2. Register to vote. For those ineligible or prefer not to register, an alternate activity is available. (100 points)
3. Complete in-class “Writing Exercises.” (300 points)
4. Complete three (3) quizzes. (300 points)
5. Complete two (2) Political Portfolios (300 points)

GRADING:
Letter grades will be assigned as follow:

A  900-1000 points
B  800-899
C  700-799
D  600-699

See College Catalog for additional grading options

EXTRA CREDIT:

Up to 200 points may be applied to the final grade. Consult with the instructor for additional information.

REQUIRED TEXT: IR: The New World of International Relations
Michael Roskin & Nicholas Berry

Assigned readings will be distributed in class.
Other resources may be assigned or recommended