Windward Community College

POLS 120 Introduction to World Politics
3 credits
Fall Semester 2010
CRN 60092 MWF 9:30-10:20 a.m.
CRN 60093 TTh 8:15 - 9:30 a.m.
CRN 60242 TTh 1:30 - 2:45 p.m.

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OFFICE HOURS: MWF 8:30 - 9:20 a.m. 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.
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Windward Community College Mission Statement
Windward Community College is committed to excellence in the liberal arts and career development; we support and challenge individuals to develop skills, fulfill their potential, enrich their lives, and become contributing, culturally aware members of our community.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Power, economics, and world politics from cross-national perspectives. Discussion of U.S. foreign policy since 1945.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES: Students may be asked to attend on and off-campus events; participate in relevant and appropriate educational activities outside of regularly scheduled class time such as service learning opportunities,
internships, volunteer activities at non-profit community service agencies and organizations, etc.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: The student learning outcomes for the course are:

1. Explain basic terms, concepts, and principles of international relations.
2. Analyze political processes, institutions, and issues in the foreign policy environment.
3. Apply basic terms, concepts, and principles to everyday life.
4. Assess his or her personal effectiveness in the political process.

COURSE TASKS:

1. Attendance is required. Unexcused absences will result in grade reduction.
2. Register to vote. For those who prefer not to register, an alternate activity is available. (100 points)
3. Complete “in-class” writing exercises and homework assignments. (300 points)
4. Complete two (2) take-home quizzes. (300 points)
5. Complete two (2) political portfolio sets. (300 points)
6. OPTIONAL: In lieu of one portfolio set, students may participate in a Service Learning Project. Consult with the instructor to develop an appropriate learning agreement and S/L site. Minimal requirements include: 20 hours of unpaid service at a non-profit agency. Paid positions and work at for-profit businesses do not qualify for a Service Learning option.
Students will maintain a journal and submit a final summary of their experiences, observations and recommendations to enhance service learning at their chosen agency and site.

ASSESSMENT OF TASKS & GRADING:

Letter grades will be assigned as follow:

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

Consult the WCC College Catalog for additional grading options.

EXTRA CREDIT: Up to two hundred (200) extra credit points may be applied to the final grade. Consult with the instructor for additional information.

LEARNING RESOURCES:

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

OTHER: Assigned readings will be distributed in class. Other resources (film, video, internet, etc) may be assigned or recommended.

DISABILITIES ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT
If you have a physical, sensory, health, cognitive, or mental health disability that could limit your ability to fully participate in this class, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Specialist Counselor to discuss reasonable accommodations that will help you succeed in this class. Ann Lemke can be reached at 235-7448. HYPERLINK “mailto:lemke@hawaii.edu” lemke@hawaii.edu or, you may stop by Hale ‘Akoakoa 213 for more information.