

POLITICAL SCIENCE 240

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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TEXT:

Lamborn and Leggold, *World Politics Into the Twenty-First Century*

A. INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. History, Change and Continuity, **Lamborn and Leggold**, ch. 1
2. The Nation State, **Lamborn and Leggold**, ch. 6
3. Levels of Analysis, **Lamborn and Leggold**, ch. 2 ,3, 4
4. Conflict and War in the International System, **Lamborn and Leggold**, ch. 7, 8

B. NEW CHALLENGES TO THE WORLD ORDER

5. Economic Challenges, **Lamborn and Leggold**, ch. 9, 10, 11
6. Terrorism
7. The Global Commons and Environmental Problems, **Lamborn and Leggold**, ch. 13

C. NEW ANSWERS?

8. International Law, **Lamborn and Leggold**, ch. 5 , 12
9. International organization and integration, **Lamborn and Leggold**, ch. 17

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Political Science 240 introduces some of the basic concepts and institutions of international relations. We will start from the anarchic nature of the international system and then examine some of the structures that have been created to manage international relations.

GRADES: The grades will be assigned as follows:

2 papers each 20% , total 40%

midterm 25% covering section A

final 25% covering sections B and C

participation 10%

Any work handed in late will be penalized.

The first paper will be an analysis of a recent conflict not directly involving the United States. It will be 4-6 pages, with proper citation of sources. The second paper, also 4-6 pages, will be a development plan for a poor country. The topics for both must be approved by the instructor.

Students are expected to familiarize themselves with the UNCG Honor Code as the strictest adherence will be demanded. This information can be accessed at:

<http://studentconduct.uncg.edu/policy/academicintegrity/>