

Sc 530 International Studies Senior Seminar
Dr. Paul S. Gray

Fall, 2005
Tuesday 3-5:30 p.m.
McGuinn 415

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COURSE OVERVIEW

This seminar is designed primarily for seniors majoring or minoring in International Studies. During the semester, I hope the course will accomplish four goals:

- 1) to provide the group with a common vocabulary for analyzing the current international environment - politically, economically and socially;
- 2) to encourage participants to think about future global relationships in an informed and constructive way;
- 3) to prepare students to write their Senior Papers or Theses on topics of their choice relating to International Studies; and
- 4) to exchange views, debate, question, research - all in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust.

Toward these ends I have structured the first part of the semester, drawing on the readings in the coursepack, as well as *Jihad vs. MacWorld*, by Benjamin Barber. . After this initial phase, we shall be meeting to discuss each other's ongoing work in progress. Student input is vital, both to the content and organization of the seminar! Please share your concerns in the group, with me individually, or in both settings. I encourage you to become keenly interested in current events during this semester, and to bring into the seminar each week a discussion of real life events which may be explored using the framework we are developing.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Please read the assigned readings for the day they are due, so that we may have a complete discussion with maximum participation each week. Class participation counts 20% of your grade.

There are but two writing assignments: First, a 10 pp. paper (due November 8th) in which I will ask you to answer some questions relating to the readings. This paper counts 20% of your grade. Second, your Senior Paper or Proposal for a Thesis in International Studies, which is *due by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2005 in my mailbox, Room 426 McGuinn.* We shall be conferring about topics and lengths of these papers.

BOOKS

Paul S, Gray *et al.*, International Studies Senior Seminar Coursepack
Benjamin Barber, Jihad vs. MacWorld

CALENDAR

Tue	9/6	Course Overview Discussion of Senior Project Topics - setting up appointments
Tue	9/13	Decisions on Project Topics Colonialism and Neo-Colonialism
Tue	9/20	Alternative Theories Readings: Seligson <i>et al.</i>
Tue	9/27	Comparative Methods Research – Using O’Neill Components of a Research Paper and Thesis
Tue	10/4	Development Readings: Easterly, Population Division, Hou
Tue	10/11	Nationalism and Culture Readings: Barber, xi – 32; 73-87; 268-292
Tue	10/18	Globalization I Readings: Friedman, Rodrik, Burfisher <i>et al.</i>
Tue	10/25	Globalization II Readings: Greider, Summers, Rogoff, Feenstra Distribute paper assignment
Tue	11/1	Legitimacy and the Fragility of the State Readings: Fukuyama, Robinson
Tue	11/8	Paper is due. Re-cap of assignment. Ethicality and Realism in International Affairs Organizing student input for final seminars Readings: Moghadam, Easterly <i>et al.</i> , Ong, in O’Meara <i>et al.</i>
Tue	11/15	Neo-Liberal Models at Home and Abroad Readings: Brown, Bruyn

Tue 11/22 Student project presentations
Tue 11/29 Student project presentations

Tue 12/6 **First Drafts of Projects or Thesis Proposals are due.**
Sat 12/17 **Final Drafts of Senior Projects or Thesis Proposals are due in
my mailbox, 426 McGuinn by 4 p.m.**