GEOGRAPHY 3430
POLITICAL SCIENCE 3430
Political Geography
Spring 2005

Text: Glassner/Fahrer, Political Geography, 3rd Edition
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COURSE DESCRIPTION
An examination of the relationship between earth and state. World political phenomena studied from a geographic point of view, including a study of international boundaries, territorial seas, and landlocked states. Recent events will figure prominently in the course and the emphasis is on practical application of geography to political events.

PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS
Class sessions will be conducted primarily as informal lectures. Each student is responsible for all reading and class discussion. Participation in class discussion is encouraged and expected. Classes will start and stop promptly and students are expected to be in their seats during the entire class. Early departure, as well as anticipated absences, should be coordinated with the instructor prior to class. You are encouraged to keep the instructor informed of all events that may impact on your performance so as to help in working out individual problems and issues. If I don’t know, I can’t help.

GRADING
Grades will be determined on the basis of performance on four exams (400 pts.) and an 8-10 page research paper (100 pts.). There will be NO make-up exams unless previously coordinated with the instructor and these will be on a case-by-case basis. The research paper will discuss one of the areas we study. There is a total of 500 points possible for this class. Grades will be determined using the following criteria:

A = 90% and above
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = below 60%

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