

Political Science 120: Introduction to International Relations  
Dr. Kille – Spring 2008  
Final Exam: Take-Home Portion (5% of total grade)

The papers must be turned in by the final exam Wednesday May 7 at 9:00am. Since this is the normal final exam time scheduled for the course **late papers will NOT be accepted** and it will be treated as if the student missed the final exam if they do not turn in a paper on time. Papers turned in by class on Friday May 2 will be graded and returned at the in-class portion of the final exam.

ASSIGNMENT:

As an esteemed graduate-to-be of Political Science 120, you have been invited to give a guest speech in the course next semester. You may lecture on any topic covered in the course, but, in a 3-5 page prepared paper, you must address the following issues:

1. What topic you chose to lecture on and why you chose this topic, i.e. you need to justify to the class why, out of all of the available topics, you felt that this particular topic is the most important/interesting/etc. to the study of international relations.
2. What are the key issues and debates that must be covered in relation to this topic? Remember that you are speaking to a class that does not know the topic, so be sure to carefully explain the key issues and debates. Do not simply regurgitate the way that this material was presented in class this semester, but instead demonstrate how you would structure your talk and what subjects you would stress. Be sure to include specific quotes from the relevant class readings to illustrate your points.
3. Finally, as a visiting expert in international relations, you must provide your position on the key issues and debates on this topic. You may save your opinions for the end of the paper or integrate them in throughout the paper where relevant.