Political Science 211
Introduction to International Relations
Midterm Exam October 19, 2011
INSTRUCTIONS
There are 2 parts to this exam: essays and short answers. You must do one essay, 3 short answer questions from the reading, and 3 short answer questions from the lecture. If you have any questions, contact me. This is a closed book, closed note exam. Good luck.
A couple of hints: do the essay first, and do an outline before you begin the essay.

PART I. ESSAYS (30 points)
Write an essay on one of the following two questions. It is worth 30 points.

A. In the discussions about whether the US should have become involved in Libya, the following members of the Obama administration were seen as favoring the intervention: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, UN Ambassador Susan Rice, Senior Aide Samantha Power, Deputy National Security Council Advisor Ben Rhodes, and Gayle Smith of the NSC Staff. The following members were seen as opposing the intervention: Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates, National Security Adviser Thomas E. Donilon, Deputy National Security A, Denis R. McDonough, Counter Terrorism Chief John Brennan. After explaining the bureaucratic politics and factional models of decision making, which of these two models that you think best describes the decision making process? An important part of your answer will be the persuasive argument you make for your choice of models.

B. War is one of the most studied international phenomena. In order to uncover its causes, it is useful to distinguish between levels of analysis. Write an essay that addresses the following questions:
What is the definition of levels of analysis given by RSK?
What are Kenneth Waltz's 3 levels of analysis -- which he calls images -- as discussed by RSK in ch.8?
Some observers believe that polarity plays a major role in determining system stability. What are the arguments about the consequences of system stability when it is bipolar given by Dr. Stoll?
Some observers believe that regime type (democracy vs. nondemocracy) is related to war occurrence. What is democratic peace theory? Please give at least three arguments about why democracy leads to peace (discussed by Stiles in ch.12).

PART II. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS.
Do 3 short answer questions from each of the two sets of short answer questions.

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE READINGS (5 points/answer).
1. As given in RSK ch. 5, what are the definitions of deterrence and compellence?
2. According to case 4 of Stile’s book, what are the foreign policy recommendations of those who urge the U.S. to “go multilateral” in the post-Cold War era?
3. As given in ch.9 of RSK, what is the definition of arms control? What is the difference of aims of arms control and disarmament?
4. According to Stiles in case 9, what are the features of Al Qaeda that make it distinct from most of the other terrorist organizations?
5. As given in ch. 4 of RSK, what is the key difference between balancing and bandwagoning in terms of state behavior?

** lecture short answers on back of page **
SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE LECTURES (5 points/answer).
6. What is the policy process of each of the decision making models discussed in lecture.
7. Define nation and state.
8. What are the 3 classes of influence situation (name & define them)?
9. What is the type of use, cost of use, and credibility of use of power (one) from the past, present, and future?
10. What are the main duties of diplomats?