

American Foreign Policy

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About this course: This class seeks to provide students with a thorough understanding of American foreign relations. It will first cover the basic history of American diplomacy from the independence war to WWII, and the Cold-War period. Then, it will turn the decision making process of the current US foreign policy.

Organization: This course is lecture-based class, but the instructor encourages students to participate discussion in order to find out more details of the contents.

Course Grade: The course grade will be based on mid-term and final exam (60%), one oral report to the seminar on an journal article of choice (20%), and class attendance and participation in classroom discussions (20%) will account for the remainder of the course grade. In order to pass the class, you need to get at least 50 out of 100 points.

Policies: The students are expected to read all the reading materials and attend all the classes. One week absence would result in the deduction of 4 points. The adjustment can be made for the following two cases: sickness and family emergency. If you miss 40 percent of class without reasonable causes, you fail to pass.

Main Textbooks: The main textbook is Daniel S. Papp, Loch K. Johnson and John E. Endicott, *American Foreign Policy: History, Politics and Policy*, Pearson, 2005. In addition, the main readings are Henry Kissinger, *Diplomacy*, Touchstone Books, 1994; and James Nathan and James K. Oliver, *Foreign Policy Making and the American Political System*, Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997.

- Week 1** **The Key Concepts and Principles of American Foreign Policy**
International setting including the Balance of Power, Realism vs. Idealism,
American principles of isolationism, moralism, pragmatism and unilateralism
Required: Papp, Ch. 1-2.
- Week 2** **American Foreign Policy to WWII**
This week deals with independence, early-period diplomacy, Monroe Doctrine,
Manifest Destiny, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, and Isolationism
Required: Papp, Ch. 3-5.
Kissinger, Ch.1,2, 3 and 4.
Recommended: Walter Lippman, *U.S. Foreign Policy: Shield of the Republic*,
Little, Brown and Company, 1943: 11-26.
R.W. Van Alstyne, *The Rising American Empire*, W.W. Norton and Company,
1960: 28-53, 100-146.
Robert E. Osgood, *Ideals and Self Interest in America's Foreign Relations*,
University of Chicago Press, 1953.
- Week 3** **The Cold-War Period**
Roosevelt to Johnson Administrations and the strategy of Containment
Nixon to Reagan administrations. Détente and the collapse of the Cold War

system

Required: Papp, Ch. 6

Recommended: Kissinger, Ch. 17-19, 25-30.

- Week 4** **The Post Cold-War Period**
Bush-Clinton-Bush-Obama, the Gulf War to the 2003 Iraq War and Afghan
Required: Papp, Ch.7
- Week 5** **Mid-term Exam**
- U.S. Policy Toward Asia**
U.S. policy toward Japan, China and Korean Peninsula
Required: Richard Armitage and Joseph Nye, “The U.S.-Japan Alliance:
Getting Asia Right through 2020” available at
http://www.csis.org/media/csis/pubs/070216_asia2020.pdf
- Week 6** **Presidency and Bureaucracy in Foreign Policy**
The presidency and the foreign policy bureaucracy
Required: Papp, Ch.8
Nathan and Oliver Chaps2-4.
- Week 7** **Congress and Foreign Policy**
Congressional power, oversight
Required: Papp, Ch.9
Nathan and Oliver Chaps5-7.
- Week 8** **Interest Groups, Media, Public Opinion**
Non-government actors and pluralism
Required: Nathan and Oliver Chaps9-11.
- Week 9** **National Security Policy**
War, diplomacy, aid and other instruments of foreign policy
Required: Papp, Ch.10, 11, 14
Nathan and Oliver Chaps8, 12.
- Week 10** **Economic and Trade Policy**
International Macroeconomic policy and trade issues
Required: Papp, Ch.13