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.


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.**

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
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

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