

# POLI 4043 American Foreign Policy

## Course Syllabus Spring 2017

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and by appointment

### **Course description**

This seminar is designed to introduce students to the historical and contemporary issues related to U.S. foreign policy. We will first review the history of American foreign policy in the 20th century with an emphasis on national security issues. Then the course will proceed with an in-depth coverage of major groups and institutions involved in formulating American foreign policy. The particular focus will be on the roles of the presidency, Congress, executive branch (e.g., State Department), interest groups, mass media, and public opinion.

### **Required readings**

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topic on **January 31**. Each student will have approximately 6 minutes for his/her  
individual presentation. To facilitate the coordination among multiple topic preferences,  
by **February 2** you are required to submit to me your top three topic preferences, one of  
which will be assigned as the topic for your presentation. If I do not receive your topic  
preferences, I will assign you to one of the topics after considering all the remaining





## SCHEDULE

January 12

### COURSE OVERVIEW

January 17- 19

### DIPLOMACY BEFORE WORLD WAR II

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Special Providence: American Foreign Policy and How It Changed the World

York: Alfred A. Knopf, Chapter 1 (pp. 3-29)

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(eds.) US Foreign Policy Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 3 (pp. 45-60).

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Diplomacy. New York: Simon & Schuster, Chapter 2 (pp. 29-55).

January 24- 26

### WORLD WAR II DIPLOMACY

Document: [Atlantic Charter \(1941\)](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/wwii/atlantic.asp) <http://avalon.law.yale.edu/wwii/atlantic.asp>

Document: [Yalta Conference \(1945\)](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/wwii/yalta.asp) <http://avalon.law.yale.edu/wwii/yalta.asp>

LaFeber, Walter. 2008. Chapter 1. 3 2 SHQ 'RRUV , URQ & X UNWalter LaFeber

America, Russia, and the Cold War, 1996, 10<sup>th</sup> ed. New York: McGraw Hill.

January 31- February 2

### COLD WAR BEGINNINGS AND KOREA

Document: [Truman Doctrine \(1947\)](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/trudoc.asp) ([http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th\\_century/trudoc.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/trudoc.asp))

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the Revolution in U.S. Foreign Policy, 1945- In From Colony to Superpower: U.S.

Foreign Relations since 1776 New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 595-650 (Ch. 14).

\*\*\*NOTE: One part of the session on **January 31** will be reserved for reviewing project requirements and topics. Each student needs to submit her/his top three topic preferences in class on **February 2**. The topic assignment sheet for all students will be distributed in class on **February 7**. Project guidelines and group assignments sheet will also be posted on Moodle.

February 7- 9

### EISENHOWER, THE NEW LOOK, AND THE 1950S

Jones, Howard

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of Power: A history of American foreign relations from 1945 Annapolis, MD: Rowman &

Littlefield, pp. 63-102 (Ch. 3).

February 14- 16

### FROM CUBA TO VIETNAM

Document: [Tonkin Gulf Incident \(1964\)](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/tonkin-g.asp) ([http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th\\_century/tonkin-g.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/tonkin-g.asp))

Herring, George C. America and Vietnam: The Unending War Foreign Affairs Vol. 70,

No. 5 (Winter), pp. 104-119.

February 21 - 23

**THE END OF VIETNAM AND THE DETENTE ERA**

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Foreign Policy Since World War II 20<sup>th</sup> ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: CQ Press, pp. 102-125  
(Ch. 5).

February 28

**NO CLASS: MARDI GRAS HOLIDAY**

March 2 - 7

**THE END OF THE COLD WAR & THE POST-COLD WAR CHALLENGES**

Paterson, Thomas H W D O 3 \$ 1 H Z : R U O G 2 U G H U " 5 - H D J D Q % X V K  
In American Foreign Relations: Volume 2: Since 1995. Boston: Wadsworth, pp. 421-471  
(Ch. 11).

March 9

**THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY**

Leffler, Melvyn P. 9/11 in Retrospect: George W. Bush's Grand Strategy, Reconsidered  
Foreign Affairs, Vol. 90, No. 5 (Sept/Oct), pp. 33-44.  
Rose, Gideon. 2015. 3 : K D W 2 E D P D \* H W V 5 and K a r y t h e L i b e r a l O r d e r .  
Foreign Affairs Vol. 94 No. 5 (Sept/Oct), pp. 2-12.  
Stephens, Bret. 2015. 3 : K D W 2 E D P D D o n g : H W V t r e a t , N o S u r r e n d e r . ' F o r e i g n A f f a i r s  
Vol. 94 No. 5 (Sept/Oct), pp. 13-16.

**EXAM #1**  
**Tuesday, March 14**

March 16

**DOCUMENTARY**

Note: If you have not read the U.S. Constitution in its complete form, it is required that you do it before this second part of our class <sup>2</sup> get a hard copy or read it online [United States Constitution \(http://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/index.html\)](http://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/index.html).

March 21

**POLITICAL TRADITION, NATIONAL CULTURE AND FOREIGN POLICY**

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Mead, Walter Russell. 3 + D P L O W R O U N D P o l i t y J o u r n a l Vol. 13, No. 3, pp. 89-106.

March 23  
**SOCIETAL**

April 11 – 13  
**NO CLASS: SPRING BREAK**

April 17  
**PROJECT SUBMISSIONS (PAPER AND POWERPOINT) DUE BY 4pm.**

April 18- 27  
**PROJECT PRESENTATIONS**

**FINAL EXAM**  
**Wednesday, May 3**  
**3:00 – 5:00 pm**

~ Have a Good Summer Break ~