

# 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](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

Previous (United States National Library of Medicine). Next (United States housing bubble). The foreign policy of the United States is officially conducted by the President and the Secretary of State. Less formal foreign policy is conducted through exchanges of citizens and other government officials, through commerce and trade, or through third party states or organizations. United States Foreign Policy is marked by the country's large economy, well-funded military, and notable political influence. United States foreign policy has changed dramatically from George Washington's day. Although Americans always pay attention to the advice of their revered founder, the world is of course not the same. The many people that shape American foreign policy today accept the fact that the United States is a member of a world community that cannot afford to ignore the importance of getting along. U.S. State Department The United States doesn't exist in a vacuum; it must interact and communicate with its global neighbors. Foreign Policy for America is a nonpartisan, membership-based advocacy organization founded in 2017. We engage, connect, and support citizens to champion principled American engagement in the world. American foreign policy starts at home. Get Involved. Our Work. American foreign policy starts at home. Sign up. Scroll down. American foreign policy starts at home. Sign up. It's time for a new conversation about American engagement in the world. Foreign policy analysts Hachigian and Sutphen in their book *The Next American Century* suggest all six powers have similar vested interests in stability and terrorism prevention and trade; if they can find common ground, then the next decades may be marked by peaceful growth and prosperity.[9]. Law. Main articles: Treaty and Treaty Clause. United States foreign policy affirms its alliance with the United Kingdom as its most important bilateral relationship in the world, evidenced by aligned political affairs. Fears of foreign policy chaos in Trump's final days fueled by Iran bombing report. Trump withdrawal plan could tip Afghanistan towards more violence. Published: 17 Nov 2020. Trump withdrawal plan could tip Afghanistan towards more violence. Iran warns of "crushing response" if Trump targets nuclear site. Published: 17 Nov 2020. Iran warns of "crushing response" if Trump targets nuclear site.