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American Foreign Policy

This course will consider selected topics in American foreign policy. The scope of the course will include foreign-policy making processes and institutions as well as major foreign policy issues. Topics include the respective roles of the president, congress, and the bureaucracy in making foreign policy. Additional topics are terrorism, military force, economic sanctions, human rights, nuclear proliferation, trade policy, and grand strategy. Case studies will include the Vietnam War, Cuban missile crisis, and the war in Iraq.

Course Requirements

Requirements include an oral report, a short paper, and a research paper (20-30 pages). Readings for each week will be designated one week in advance and will be selected from the readings listed on the class schedule.

Grades will be weighted as follows:

Oral report	25%
Short paper	25%
Research paper	50%

Readings

The following readings are available for purchase at the University Bookstore:

Andrew J. Bacevich, The New American Militarism (Oxford University Press 2005)

Larry H. Addington, America's War in Vietnam: A Short Narrative History (Indiana University Press 2000)

David A. Baldwin, Economic Statecraft (Princeton University Press 1985)

Graham Allison and Philip Zelikow, Essence of Decision: Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis 2nd ed. (Longman 1999)

Paul R. Pillar, Terrorism and U.S. Foreign Policy (Brookings Institution 2003)

Stephen M. Walt, Taming American Power (Norton 2005)

Scott D. Sagan and Kenneth N. Waltz, The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: A Debate Renewed (Norton 2003)

Mark M. Lowenthal, Intelligence: From Secrets to Policy 3rd ed. (CQ Press 2006)

I. M. Destler, American Trade Politics 4th ed. (Institute for International Economics 2005)

John M. Rothgeb, Jr., U.S. Trade Policy: Balancing Economic Dreams and Political Realities (CQ Press 2001)

Class Schedule

February 7: America and the World

Andrew J. Bacevich, The New American Militarism (Oxford, 2005)

John Lewis Gaddis, The Cold War: A New History (Penguin, 2005)

Stephen M. Walt, Taming American Power (Norton, 2005)

George F. Kennan, American Diplomacy (Chicago 1984)

Michael Ignatieff (ed.), American Exceptionalism and Human Rights (Princeton, 2005), Chapter 8

David C Hendrickson and Robert W. Tucker, "The Freedom Crusade," NATIONAL INTEREST Fall 2005

"Symposium: The Freedom Crusade, Revisited," NATIONAL INTEREST Winter 2005/06

Michael Mandelbaum, The Case for Goliath: How America Acts as the World's Government in the Twenty-first Century

Michael Mandelbaum, "David's Friend Goliath," FOREIGN POLICY Jan/Feb 2006

Robert Jervis, "The Remaking of a Unipolar World," The Washington Quarterly Summer 2006

Robert Kagan, Dangerous Nation: America's Place in the World from Its Earliest Days to the Dawn of the Twentieth Century

Robert W. Tucker and David C. Hendrickson, "The Sources of American Legitimacy," FOREIGN AFFAIRS Nov/Dec 2004

Robert Kagan, "America's Crisis of Legitimacy," FOREIGN AFFAIRS March/April 2004

Joseph S. Nye, Jr., "Soft Power and American Foreign Policy," Political Science Quarterly Summer 2004

Jonathan Monten, "The Roots of the Bush Doctrine," International Security Spring 2005

Robert A. Pape, "Soft Balancing against the United States," International Security Summer 2005

Stephen G. Brooks and William C. Wohlforth, "Hard Times for Soft Balancing," International Security Summer 2005

February 14: White House, President, and National Security Council

John Yoo, The Powers of War and Peace (Chicago, 2005)

Eugene R. Wittkopf and James M. McCormick (eds.), The Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy 4th ed. (Rowman & Littlefield, 2004)

William W. Newmann, Managing National Security Policy: The President and the Process (Pittsburgh, 2003)

Stephen Hess, Organizing the Presidency 3rd ed. (Brookings, 2002)

Richard Clarke, Against All Enemies: Inside America's War on Terror (Free Press 2004)

Louis Fisher, Presidential War Power 2nd ed. (Kansas, 2004)

Louis Henkin, Foreign Affairs and the US Constitution 2nd ed. (Oxford, 1996)

Richard E. Neustadt, Presidential Power (Wiley, 1964)

Bob Woodward, State of Denial (Simon & Schuster, 2006)

I.M. Destler, "The Power Brokers: An Uneven History of the National Security Council," FOREIGN AFFAIRS Sept/Oct 2005

David J. Rothkopf, "Inside the Committee that Runs the World," FOREIGN POLICY March/April 2005

Gary R. Hess, "Presidents and the Congressional War Resolutions of 1991 and 2002," Political Science Quarterly Spring 2006

Karl K. Schonberg, "Global Security and Legal Restraint: Reconsidering War Powers after September 11," Political Science Quarterly Spring 2004

Richard A. Posner, Not a Suicide Pact (Oxford, 2006)

John Yoo, War by Other Means (Atlantic Monthly, 2006)

February 21: Congress, Public Opinion, Interest Groups

Tony Smith, Foreign Attachments: The Power of Ethnic Groups in the Making of American Foreign Policy (Harvard, 2000)

Randall B. Ripley and James M. Lindsay (eds.), Congress Resurgent: Foreign and Defense Policy on Capitol Hill (Michigan, 1993)

James M. Lindsay, Congress and the Politics of U.S. Foreign Policy (Johns Hopkins, 1994)

Benjamin I. Page with Marshall M. Bouton, The Foreign Policy Disconnect: What Americans Want from Our Leaders but Don't Get (Chicago, 2006)

Norman J. Ornstein and Thomas E. Mann, "When Congress Checks Out," Foreign Affairs Nov/Dec 2006

Walter Russell Mead, "God's Country?" FOREIGN AFFAIRS Sept/Oct 2006

Daniel Yankelovich, "Tipping Points," FOREIGN AFFAIRS May/June 2006

John Mueller, "The Iraq Syndrome," FOREIGN AFFAIRS Nov/Dec 2005

Chaim Kaufmann, "Threat Inflation and the Failure of the Marketplace of Ideas," International Security Summer 2004

John J. Mearsheimer and Stephen M. Walt, "The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy," <http://ksgnotes1.harvard.edu/Research/wpaper.nsf/rwp/RWP06-011>

"The War over Israel's Influence," FOREIGN POLICY July/Aug 2006

Dimitri K. Simes, "Unrealists," NATIONAL INTEREST Summer 2006

February 28: Bureaucracy: State Department, DOD, Professional Military

Bob Woodward, State of Denial (Simon & Schuster 2006)

Peter D. Feaver and Christopher Gelpi, Choosing Your Battle's: American Civil-Military Relations and the Use of Force (2004, Princeton)

Dana Priest, The Mission: Waging War and Keeping Peace with America's Military (Norton, 2004)

Andrew J. Bacevich, The New American Militarism (Oxford 2005)

Andrew J. Bacevich, "Elusive Bargain: The Pattern of U.S. Civil-Military Relations Since World War II," (forthcoming)

Max Boot, "The Struggle to Transform the Military," FOREIGN AFFAIRS Mar/April 2005

Morton Abramowitz and Leslie H. Gelb, "In Defense of Striped Pants," NATIONAL INTEREST Spring 2005

P. W. Singer, "Outsourcing War," FOREIGN AFFAIRS March/April 2005

P. W. Singer, Corporate Warriors: The Rise of the Privatized Military Industry (Cornell, 2003)

Richard L. Russell, "Civilian Masters and Military Servants: A Review Essay," Political Science Quarterly Spring 2004

March 7: Intelligence Community

Richard K. Betts and Thomas G. Mahnken (eds.), Paradoxes of Strategic Intelligence (Frank Cass, 2003)

Mark M. Lowenthal, Intelligence: From Secrets to Policy 3rd ed. (CQ Press, 2006)

David Kahn, "The Rise of Intelligence," FOREIGN AFFAIRS Sept/Oct 2006

Paul Pillar, "Intelligence, Policy, and the War in Iraq," FOREIGN AFFAIRS March/April 2006

Helen Fessenden, "The Limits of intelligence Reform," FOREIGN AFFAIRS Nov/Dec 2005

Robert Jervis, "Reports, Politics, and Intelligence Failures: The Case of Iraq," Journal of Strategic Studies February 2006

Richard K. Betts, "The New Politics of Intelligence," FOREIGN AFFAIRS May/June 2004

Richard A. Falkenrath, "The 9/11 Commission Report: A Review Essay," International Security Winter 2004/05

Harry Howe Ransom, "Strategic Intelligence and Foreign Policy," World Politics (October 1974)

Richard K. Betts, "Analysis, War, and Decision: Why Intelligence Failures are Inevitable," World Politics (October 1978)

March 14: Case Study of Cuban Missile Crisis

Graham Allison and Philip Zelikow, Essence of Decision 2nd ed. (Addison Wesley Longman, 1999)

March 21: Spring Break

March 28: National Security

The National Security Strategy <http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nss/2006>

Carl von Clausewitz, On War edited and translated by Michael Howard and Peter Paret, (Princeton, 1976)

David A. Baldwin, "Success and Failure in Foreign Policy," in Nelson W. Polsby (ed.), Annual Review of Political Science 3 (2000): 167-182

Lynn Eden, Whole World on Fire: Organizations, Knowledge, and Nuclear Weapons Devastation (2004)

Stephen I. Schwartz (ed.), Atomic Audit: The Costs and Consequences of U.S. Nuclear Weapons Since 1940 (Brookings, 1998)

Christopher M. Gacek, The Logic of Force: The Dilemma of Limited War in American Foreign Policy (Columbia, 1994)

Andrew J. Bacevich, The New American Militarism (Oxford 2005)

Philip B. Heymann, Terrorism, Freedom, and Security (MIT, 2003)

Paul R. Pillar, Terrorism and U.S. Foreign Policy (Brookings, 2003)

Richard Clarke, Against All Enemies: Inside America's War on Terror (Free Press 2004)

John Lewis Gaddis, Surprise, Security, and the American Experience (Harvard 2004)

Michael O'Hanlon, Defense Strategy for the Post-Saddam Era (Brookings, 2005)

George H. Quester, Nuclear First Strike (Johns Hopkins, 2006)

Scott D. Sagan and Kenneth N. Waltz, The Spread of Nuclear Weapons (Norton, 2003)

Michael Walzer, Arguing About War (Yale, 2004)

Karen J. Greenberg (ed.), The Torture Debate in America (Cambridge, 2006)

"The Terrorism Index," FOREIGN POLICY July/Aug 2006

Robert Hutchings, "X + 911" FOREIGN POLICY July/Aug 2004

Lisa Anderson, "Shock and Awe: Interpretations of the Events of September 11," World Politics January 2004

Keir A. Lieber and Daryl G. Press, "The Rise of U.S. Nuclear Primacy," FOREIGN AFFAIRS March/April 2006

Jerome Slater, "Tragic Choices in the War on Terrorism: Should We Try to Regulate and Control Torture?" Political Science Quarterly Summer 2006

"Reinventing War," FOREIGN POLICY Nov/Dec 2001

Philip H. Gordon, "The End of the Bush Revolution," FOREIGN AFFAIRS July/Aug 2006

Keir A. Lieber and Daryl G. Press, "The End of MAD? Nuclear Deterrence and U.S. Primacy," International Security Spring 2006

"Nuclear Exchange," FOREIGN AFFAIRS Sept/Oct 2006

Stephen Peter Rosen, "After Proliferation," FOREIGN AFFAIRS Sept/Oct 2006

Scott D. Sagan, "How to Keep the Bomb From Iran," FOREIGN AFFAIRS Sept/Oct 2006

Martha Crenshaw, "Counterterrorism in Retrospect," FOREIGN AFFAIRS July/Aug 2005

John Mueller, "Is There Still a Terrorist Threat?" FOREIGN AFFAIRS Sept/Oct 2006

Alan B. Krueger and David D. Laitin, "'Misunderstanding' Terrorism," FOREIGN AFFAIRS Sept/Oct 2004

April 4: National Security and the Vietnam War

Larry H. Addington, America's War in Vietnam (Indiana 2000)

Leslie H. Gelb with Richard K. Betts, The Irony of Vietnam: The System Worked (Brookings 1979)

Daniel Ellsberg, Papers on the War Simon & Schuster 1972)

Daniel Ellsberg, Secrets (Viking 2002)

Andrew J. Bacevich, The New American Militarism (Oxford, 2005)

H.R. McMaster, Dereliction of Duty (Harper, 1997)

James H. Willbanks, The Tet Offensive (Columbia, 2007)

Robert D. Schulzinger, A Time for Peace: The Legacy of the Vietnam War (Oxford, 2006)

Dominic Johnson and Dominic Tierney, Failing to Win (Harvard, 2006)

April 11: National Security and the Iraq War

Bob Woodward, State of Denial (Simon & Schuster 2006)

William B. Quandt, Peace Process: American Diplomacy and the Arab-Israeli Conflict Since 1967 3rd ed. (Brookings, 2005)

Michael R. Gordon and Bernard E. Trainor, Cobra II (Pantheon, 2006)

Ron Suskind, The One Percent Doctrine (Simon & Schuster, 2006)

"What to Do in Iraq: A Roundtable," FOREIGN AFFAIRS Jul/Aug 2006

William E. Odom, "Cut and Run? You Bet," FOREIGN POLICY May/June 2006

Stephen Biddle, "Seeing Baghdad, Thinking Saigon," FOREIGN AFFAIRS Mar/April 2006

Melvin R. Laird, "Iraq: Learning the Lessons of Vietnam," FOREIGN AFFAIRS Nov/Dec 2005

"Symposium: Is This Victory?" NATIONAL INTEREST Nov/Dec 2006

Stephen W. Walt, "The Blame Game," FOREIGN POLICY Nov/Dec 2005

Colin H. Kahl, "How We Fight," FOREIGN AFFAIRS Nov/Dec 2006

Robert K. Brigham, Is Iraq Another Vietnam? Public Affairs, 2006

Richard N. Haass, "The New Middle East," FOREIGN AFFAIRS Nov/Dec 2006

Andrew F. Krepinovich, Jr., "How to Win in Iraq," FOREIGN AFFAIRS Sept/Oct 2005

April 18: Foreign Economic Policy and Trade

John M. Rothgeb, Jr., U.S. Trade Policy (CQ Press, 2001)

Daniel W. Drezner, U.S. Trade Strategy (Council on Foreign Relations, 2006)

I. M. Destler, American Trade Politics 4th ed. (IIE, 2005)

Special Edition of FOREIGN AFFAIRS on Freer Trade? Dec. 2005

Jeffrey D. Sachs, "How to Run the IMF," FOREIGN POLICY July/Aug 2004

April 25: Economic Sanctions

David A. Baldwin, Economic Statecraft (Princeton, 1985)

Bruce W. Jentleson and Christopher A. Whytock, "Who 'Won' Libya?"
International Security Winter 2005/06

George A. Lopez and David Cortright, "Containing Iraq: Sanctions Worked,"
FOREIGN AFFAIRS July/Aug 2004

Robert A. Pape, "Why Economic Sanctions Do Not Work," International Security
(Fall 1997)

David A. Baldwin and Robert A. Pape, "Evaluating Economic Sanctions,"
International Security (Fall 1998), pp. 189-198

David A. Baldwin, "The Sanctions Debate and the Logic of Choice," International Security
(Winter 1999/2000)

Meghan L. O'Sullivan, Shrewd Sanctions (Brookings Institution 2003)

May 2: Grand Strategy

Robert J. Art, A Grand Strategy for America (Cornell, 2003)

Joseph S. Nye, Jr., "Transformational Leadership and U.S. Grand Strategy,"
FOREIGN AFFAIRS July/Aug 2006

Jack Snyder, "The Crusade of Illusions," FOREIGN AFFAIRS Jul/Aug 2006

Christopher Layne, The Peace of Illusions: American Grand Strategy from 1940 to the Present (Cornell, 2006)

Colin Dueck, Power, Culture, and Change in American Grand Strategy

Charles W. Kegley, Jr. and Gregory A. Raymond, After Iraq (Oxford, 2007)

National Intelligence Council, Mapping the Global Future: Report of the National Intelligence Council's 2020 Project 2004

John Lewis Gaddis, "Grand Strategy in the Second Term," FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Jan/Feb 2005

Christopher Layne, "The Unipolar Illusion Revisited: The Coming End of the United States' Unipolar Moment," International Security Foreign Affairs 2006

Bradley A. Thayer, "In Defense of Primacy," NATIONAL INTEREST Nov/Dec 2006

Henry Nau, "No Enemies on the Right," NATIONAL INTEREST Winter 2004/05

Christopher Layne, "Impotent Power?" NATIONAL INTEREST Sept/Oct 2006

David C. Hendrickson and Robert W. Tucker, "A Test of Power," NATIONAL INTEREST Sept/Oct 2006