Objective: The course is designed to examine U.S. Foreign Policy and its impact on the outside world. There will be two parts to the course: an In-put section on how foreign policy is made; and an Out-put section on the impact of Foreign Policy in various regions and issue areas. It is expected that students should be able to gain some powerful understanding of the complex, yet inevitable, relations of the United States in today's world.

Textbooks: There is only one required text for the course:

James Lee Ray: American Foreign Policy and Political Ambition

Also: NYT subscription is required.

Papers, Exams, and Grades: There will be an early exam, an in class mid-term, and a 3-5 page Take a Stand paper. In addition, you could select any on-going topic in U.S. Foreign Policy and explain how it unfolded during the summer months. The paper should be 5-7 pages long and there will be a presentation of your findings. The final exam will be in-class.

Course grades will be determined according to this formula:

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Lecture Outline and Reading Assignments

June 08-10  
Course Introduction  
* What is Foreign Policy?  
* Why and How to study Foreign Policy?  
* Basis of Foreign Policy Behavior.  
Readings: Ray; Preface pp 2-11

June 11-15  
Contemporary U.S. Foreign Policy  
* U.S. Image in the World  
* Themes and Principles  
* The National Interest  
* September 11 and American Foreign Policy  
Readings: Ray; Chapter 3

June 16-18  
History and the Evolution of Foreign Policy  
* The Historical Context  
* From Isolationism to Involvement  
* Select Cases: Korea and Vietnam  
  Iran - Contra  
  The United Nations  
  Iraq  
Readings: Ray; Chapter 2, 7, & 8

June 19-22  
The Making of Foreign Policy: The Politics and Process  
* The President and National Security.  
* The Congress and Legislative Politics  
Readings: Ray; Chapter 6

June 23-24  
The Making of Foreign Policy: Politics & Process  
* The State Department and its Diplomacy  
* The Department of Defense and its Conduct of War  
Readings: Ray; Chapter 6

June 25 - 28  
The Making of Foreign Policy: Politics & Process  
* The Parties/Interest Groups  
* The Press/Public Opinion  
* Intelligence: Secrecy vs. Openness  
Readings: Ray; Chapter 5

June 29  
NYT-based test (multiple choice)

June 30  
Midterm Exam (Essays/Definitions)
July 01-03  Overview: Taming American Power (Walt)
           Overthrow (Kinzer)
           America Unbound (Daalder)
           World Government (Mandelbaum)

Introduce Regions and Issues

July 06-08  The Impact of U.S. Foreign Policy: Regions
           * Asia (Chapter 12)
           * Middle East (Chapter 13)
           * Latin America (Chapter 10)

July 9-10   * Europe (Chapter 9)
           * Africa (Chapter 11)

July 13-17  The Impact of U.S. Foreign Policy: Issues
           * Trade and Finance
             Readings: Ray; Chapter 4
           * Energy/Environment, Aid
             Readings: Ray; Chapter 4
           * The Use of Force: Disarmament/Terror
             Readings: Ray; Chapter 14
           * Democracy and Human Rights

July 20-27  Presentation of Research Assignment/Review Session/NYT Test

Wed. Jul 29 FINAL EXAM  (4:00-6:00 pm)
POLI 4043  
U.S. Foreign Policy  
Take A Stand paper (July 10)

In lieu of a regular Book review, as has been the case in the past, students will be exposed to the themes and ideas that have been the basis of the several Books assigned for review since 2001 in this class.

Here are some of the titles that have been reviewed previously in 4043.

Daalder & Lindsay: America Unbound (2002)  

A series of lectures (possibly two) will be presented on the underlying message of the above texts and, in your paper, you are required to take a stand on the one that you think (based on facts or on-going events) best reflects U.S. foreign policy of today. Is there continuity or change in these practices? You may base your survey on the Bush vrs. Obama administrations.

The paper should be about 5 pages and must reflect the views of the above texts as well as explaining why you reject or support them. In addition, you should also determine what these broad views by scholars suggest about U.S. Foreign Policy in general.

Research Topic Assignment July 22

You will be expected to pick out any regional or issue topic covered in class for your research assignment. One needs to know what the U.S. Foreign Policy is on the topic you select, what drives this policy and whether one can expect change or continuity in the transition from the Bush to the Obama administrations.

The topics should be anything you care about the most and could include; use of Force, Torture, the UN, Trade, Finance, Use of Force or Human Rights. You could also select a particular region of the world: Africa, Latin America, Asia, Europe or the Middle East to determine what the U.S. policy is, how people in those regions react to it and future policy ramifications.

The paper should be about 5-7 pages and include some information on the role played by interest groups, governmental institutions and even the outside world in affecting American Foreign Policy. With thoughtful analysis, this could be an exciting experience. You will present your findings.