POLI 4043  
U.S. Foreign Policy  
Summer 2011  
Monday – Friday 8:40-9:40am  
Room: 23 Allen

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Objective: The course is designed to examine U.S. Foreign Policy and its impact on the outside world. There are two parts to the course: an In-put section on how foreign policy is made; and an Out-put section on the effect 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 indispensable, relations of the United States in today’s world.

Textbooks: There are two books required for the course:

James Lee Ray: American Foreign Policy and Political Ambition

Hook & Scott: U.S. Foreign Policy Today: American Renewal?

In addition, you should subscribe to the New York Times for the entire length of the summer term. So many current/on-going events often have a strong effect on the United States. A pre-midterm and pre-final multiple choice quizzes will be based on NYT assignments.

Papers, Exams and Grades: There will be an early exam, an in-class midterm and a Review of the Renewal text. Apart from the text review you will select two topical issues or regional events to analyze whether this Renewal is happening. The paper (Review & Analysis) should be about 7-10 pages long and you will present your findings. The final exam will be in-class.

Course Grades will be determined according to this formula:

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A: 88-100; B: 87.9-78; C: 77.9-69; D: 68.9-60; F: Below 60
Lecture Outline/Reading Assignments

June 6-8

Course Introduction
Why Study U.S. Foreign Policy
Basis of Foreign Policy Behavior
Ray: Preface/Hook Chapter 1

June 9-10

Contemporary U.S. Foreign Policy
U.S. Image in the World
Themes and Principles
The National Interest
How to View September 11th
Ray: Chapter 3

June 13-15

History and the Evolution of Foreign Policy
The Historical Context
From Isolationism to Involvement
Some Case Study: Korea & Vietnam
    - Iran Contra
    - The United Nations
    - Iraq & Afghanistan
Ray: Chapter 2, 7, & 8 Hook: Chapter 4

June 16-17

The Making of Foreign Policy: The Politics & Process
- The President and National Security
- The Congress and Legislative Issues
Ray: Chapter 6 Hook: chapter 2 & 3

June 20-21

The Making of Foreign Policy: Politics & Process
- The State Department and its Diplomacy
- The Department of Defense and its Conduct of War
Ray: Chapter 6 Hook: Chapter 7 & 9

June 23-24

The Making of Foreign Policy: Politics and Process
- The Parties and Interest Groups
- The Press and Public Opinion
- Intelligence: Secrecy vrs. Openness
Ray: Chapter 5 Hook: Chapter 5 & 8

June 27

NYT based Multiple Choice Test
June 28  
**Midterm Exam: Essays and Definitions** (In-Class)

June 29-30  
**Overview of Varied Themes**
- Walt: *Taming American Power*
- Kinzer: *Overthrow*
- Hook/Scott: *Renewal?*

July 1-5  
**The Impact of U.S. Foreign Policy: Regions**
- Asia chapter 12
- Middle East Chapter 13
- Latin America Chapter 10

July 6-7  
Europe: Chapter 9
Africa: Chapter 11

July 8-13  
**The Impact of U.S. Foreign Policy: Issues**
- Trade & Finance Ray: Chapter 4 / Hook Chapter 11
- Energy/Environment/Aid Ray: Chapter 4 / Hook: Chapter 12
- The Use of Force: Disarmament/Terror Ray: Chapter 14 / Hook Chapter 7
- Democracy and Human Rights Hook Chapter 10

July 14-22  
**Presentation:** 10 minutes each per student

July 25  
**NYT Multiple Choice/Review Session**

Wed. July 27  
**Final Exam (4:00-6:00pm)**