POLI 4043
U.S. Foreign Policy
Wintersession 2013
Mon. – Sat. 9:00am – 12:30pm/130 Coates Hall

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8:00am-9:00am
12:30pm-1:30pm

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 effects of U.S. foreign policy on various regions and issue areas.

By the end of the short session, students should be able to gain some powerful understanding of the complex, yet inevitable, relations of the U.S. in today’s world.

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

Michael Cox and Doug Stokes: U.S. Foreign Policy

In addition, students should subscribe to the New York Times for 9 days (Dec. 16-23; Jan. 02-03) through the Baton Rouge Courier. The cost will be $9.00.

PAPERS, EXAMS, & GRADES: There will be an Early Take-Home Exam, followed by an In-Class Midterm Exam, a research paper on a particular “foreign policy” topic of your choice and a Presentation, as well as a Final Exam on the last day of class.

Grade will be determined according to this formula:

Class Participation 10pts (daily)
Early Take-Home Exam 20pts (Due Wed. Dec. 18)
In-Class Midterm Exam 30pts (Sat. Dec. 21)
Research Paper Analysis 10pts (Due Fri. Jan. 03)
Presentation 5pts (Fri. Jan. 03/Mon. Jan. 06)
In-Class Final Exam 25pts (Tues. Jan. 07)
100pts

A 100-88   B 87.9-78   C 77.9-68   D 67.9-60   F below 60
Lecture Outline & Reading Assignments

Mon. Dec. 16  
Course Introduction  
- What is Foreign Policy  
- Basis of Foreign Policy

Contemporary U.S. Foreign Policy  
- U.S. Image in the World  
- Themes and Principles  
- The National Interest

Tues. Dec. 17  
History and Evolution of Foreign Policy  
- The Historical Context  
- From Isolation to Involvement  
  Select Cases: Korea/Vietnam  
  Iraq/Afghanistan  
  Iran-Contra/Surveillance debate

Wed. Dec. 18  
EARLY TAKE-HOME EXAM DUE

The Making of Foreign Policy  
- The President and National Security  
- The Congress and Legislative Politics

Thurs. Dec. 19  
The Making of Foreign Policy  
- The State Dept. and its Diplomacy  
- The Dept. of Defense and the Conduct of War

Fri. Dec. 20  
The Making of Foreign Policy  
- Interest Groups/Political Parties  
- The Press and Public Opinion  
- The Intelligence and its Discontents

Sat. Dec. 21  
MIDTERM EXAM: Essay/Definition/Multiple Choice  
Various Authors & their Themes

Mon. Dec. 23  
Preview of Regions and Issues (Short Class)  
Cox & Stokes: chap. 12 thru 17  
chap. 18 thru 20
Thurs. Jan. 02  Survey of Regions:
- Europe/Asia/Middle East
- Latin America/Africa
Survey of Regions:
- Trade and Finance
- Use of Force/Counter Terrorism
- Democracy/Human Rights

Cox & Stokes: chap. 12 thru 17
Cox & Stokes: chap. 18 thru 20

Fri. Jan. 03  Overview of Regions/Issues
RESEARCH PAPER DUE
PRESENTATIONS/FINAL EXAM (for early departures)

Sat. Jan. 04  Study for Final (NO CLASS)

Mon. Jan. 06  PRESENTATIONS (continued)
Return Papers & Pre-Final Grades
Review for Final

Tues. Jan. 07  IN-CLASS FINAL