

POLITICAL SCIENCE 142A: UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLITY

Summer Session I (June 29 – August 1, 2015)
MW 2:00PM – 4:50PM
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Course Description:

Foreign policy stands at the nexus of domestic politics and international relations. This course is designed to familiarize students with U.S. foreign policy from three basic perspectives: history, politics, and current events. While instruction and materials focus on U.S. foreign policy, the tools acquired and insights developed in the course should be applicable to other countries as well.

Course structure is dictated by the limited duration of instruction and by the three perspectives: Lectures will alternate between politics and policy, or focus on the history of U.S. foreign policy. A review and debate of current events and issues of foreign policy will be ongoing. We will carve out part of each session for discussion on evolving issues (Iraq, Ukraine, Afghanistan, China).

Course Requirements:

- **Attendance (10%):** You are required to attend class. Attendance is based on quizzes.
- **Class Participation (10% of course grade):** Read up on the news each day. There will be opportunities to ask questions, to comment on the readings and to discuss current events.
- **Quizzes (40% of course grade):** Held most days. These are short quizzes at the beginning of class. We will ask for brief factual information about the readings. There is no partial grading and no make-ups. To do well, read the assignments and come to class on time.
- **Final Exam (40% of course grade):** Essay exam, choice of questions. Bring exam book.

Note #1: Students are encouraged to study and learn together. However, all written assignments must be the sole product of the person submitting the work. Don't cheat and don't plagiarize. If you have any questions about what constitutes a violation of academic integrity, please see me.

Note #2: It is your responsibility to apprise me of any factor that may interfere with your ability to perform in this class well in advance of scheduled assignments. Appropriate measures for disabilities and other concerns will be taken in accordance with University of California policy.

Note #3: In order to document requests, students seeking a change of grade must prepare a written memo detailing his or her request and citing reasons for requesting the proposed change.

Required Readings:

Two textbooks are required (The textbooks are available at the UCSD bookstore or online):

- Papp, Daniel, Loch Johnson, John E. Endicott. 2005. *AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY: HISTORY, POLITICS AND POLICY*. New York: Pearson Longman. (“**Papp**”)
- Bernell, David. 2008. *READINGS IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY*. New York: Pearson Longman. (“**Bernell**”)

Students are also encouraged to familiarize themselves with major periodicals with a focus on international relations/foreign policy and follow the international section of major newspapers:

- Financial Times (<http://news.ft.com/world>)
- The New York Times (<http://www.nytimes.com/pages/world/index.html>)
- Washington Post (<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/world>)
- Foreign Affairs (<http://www.foreignaffairs.org>)
- Foreign Policy in Focus (<http://www.fpif.org/>)
- The National Interest (<http://www.nationalinterest.org>)
- Foreign Policy Association (<http://www.fpa.org/>)
- Council on Foreign Relations (<http://www.cfr.org/>)

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TOPIC/ASSIGNMENT

WEEK 1 (June 29, July 1): Studying Foreign Policy/A New Nation (Framing Foreign Policy)

Monday June 29: Introduction/Syllabus/Levels, Methods, and Concepts, **Papp 1&2**

(**Discussion:** Is the United States an exceptional country? If so, how?)

Wednesday July 1: “Bush’s War” (www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/bushswar/view/)

WEEK 2 (July 6, 8): Second Image/Empire (Embracing Expansion/Shunning the World)

Monday July 6: Designing a Nation, **Papp 3; Bernell 1**

(**Discussion:** Is there such a thing as an American style of foreign policy?)

Wednesday July 8: Domestic Politics (Institutions/Actors), **Papp 8, 9; Bernell Part 2**

(**Discussion:** Will the United States recognize Cuba?),

WEEK 3 (July 13, 15): Third Image/A Great Power (Nuclear Weapons/Proliferation)

Monday July 13: Expansion and Empire, **Papp 4, 5; Bernell Part 3**

(**Discussion:** Is bombing ISIS a wise/useful policy?)

Wednesday July 15: International Politics (Power), **Papp 10, 11**

(**Discussion:** Should the United States keep its nuclear weapons?)

WEEK 4 (July 20, 22): First Image/ It's a New World Order (Globalization)

Monday July 20: Capitalist Cold Warrior, **Papp 6; Bernell Part 4**

(**Discussion:** What should be done about Ukraine?).

Wednesday July 22: Economics and Intervention, **Papp 13, 14**

(**Discussion:** Is the United States too pro-free trade?)

WEEK 5 (July 27, 29): Hegemony & After (War on Terror, Nation Building, Rise of BRICs)

Monday July 27: Structure, Strife, and Stability, **Papp 7; Bernell Part 5**

(**Discussion:** Will Iran develop nuclear weapons?)

Wednesday July 29: Democracy and Terror, **Papp 12, 15; Bernell Part 6**

(**Discussion:** What should be done about Ukraine?)

Friday July 31: * FINAL EXAM: 3:00PM – 5:59PM Location TBA *****