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Reading Assignments. At the UCSD Bookstore you may purchase the following two books:

All other readings are contained in a packet of photocopied articles, which you may purchase at Soft Reserves in the old Student Center.

Most readings are also on reserve at Geisel Library.

Grades. Your course grade will be the average of your performance on two short papers and a final examination as follows:
- Policy Memorandum #1  Friday, October 27
- Policy Memorandum #2  Friday, December 1
- Final Examination  Tuesday, December 5 [3:00 pm].

The final examination will last one hour, will be conducted in class, and will cover key terms introduced in the readings and lectures.

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In the computation of your course grade each paper and the final examination will be weighted 30%. An additional 10% will be assigned to the highest of these three grades.

Course Web-site. A copy of the course syllabus, the lecture outlines, and the paper assignments are (or will be) posted on the course web-site. You can reach this through my homepage:
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SCHEDULE OF LECTURES AND READINGS

I. FORCE AND POWER—BASIC CONCEPTS

Th Sep 21. Introductory Meeting: Power and the Uses of Armed Force
Tu Sep 26. Force as an Instrument of Policy

Read for the week of September 25:

II. EVOLUTION OF AMERICA’S FIRST GRAND STRATEGY

Th Sep 28. From Old Look to New Look, 1945-1960
Th Oct 5. The Transition to Flexible Strategic Options, 1969-1980

Read for the week of October 2:


Read for the week of October 9:

III. ELEMENTS OF A NEW GRAND STRATEGY

A. STRATEGIC BARGAINING


Read for the week of October 16:
B. NUCLEAR DETERRENCE AND STRATEGIC DEFENSE

Tu Oct 24. Nuclear Strategies, I

Due October 27. Policy Memorandum #1

Read for the week of October 23:


C. CRISIS BARGAINING AND COERCIVE DIPLOMACY

Tu Oct 31. Crisis Bargaining and Coercive Diplomacy, I
Th Nov 2. Crisis Bargaining and Coercive Diplomacy, II

Read for the week of October 30:


Tu Nov 7. Case Study: Cuban Missile Crisis
Th Nov 9. Crisis Bargaining and Coercive Diplomacy, III

Read for the week of November 6:


D. UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE

Tu Nov 14. Strategies of Revolution and Insurgency

Read for the week of November 13:


Tu Nov 21. American Strategy for Fighting Insurgency, II
Th Nov 23. Thanksgiving Day [No lecture—now that’s reason to be thankful]

**Read for the week of November 20:**


Larry Diamond. “What Went Wrong in Iraq.” *Foreign Affairs* 83 (September-October 2004), 34-56.


Tu Nov 28. Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism
Th Nov 30. Concluding Lecture
**Due December 1. Policy Memorandum #2**

**Read for the week of November 27:**


Graham Allison. “How to Stop Nuclear Terror.” *Foreign Affairs* 83 (January-February 2004), 64-75.


**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5. FINAL EXAMINATION. (3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)**