I. COURSE MEETINGS
M, W, F: 1:00-1:50 p.m. (Leutze Hall 110)

II. OFFICE HOURS
Mon & Wed, 2:00-4:00 p.m. or By Appointment (seoj@uncw.edu)

III. COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course analyzes how foreign policy is constructed and changed in American political system. Four major elements will be covered throughout the semester: a study of evolution of American foreign policy since 1789, an analysis of institutional dimension of foreign policymaking processes, a discussion of the causes of American foreign policy such as the international system, public opinion, and the media; and an examination of policy areas including national security, global economy, immigration, climate change, and energy independence.

IV. COURSE READING
Three Books are required and available in the university book store.
Peter Trubowitz. 1998. Defining the National Interest: Conflict and Change in American Foreign Policy. (The University of Chicago Press)

Asterixed Readings (*) will be available through SeaPort (http://seaport.uncw.edu)
V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Weekly Quiz (10%)
- Midterm Exam (Feb 25) (20%)
- Final Exam (May 4) (20%)
- Debate Presentation (15%) and Participation (15%)
- Research Paper (Due Apr 27) (20%)

* This is a demanding course, with a substantial amount of reading. It is imperative that you read all assigned readings before the class for which they are assigned.

1) Weekly Quiz
   This will count 10% toward the final grade and consist of several short-answer questions based on course readings. The lowest score quiz could be dropped.

2) In-Class Exams
   There will be one midterm (20%) and a final Exam (20%). Format is a combination of multiple choice, identification, and short essay. All readings and lectures will be fair game on the exams (50-50%).

3) Debate Presentation and Participation
   Students are expected to actively participate in course discussions. Debate sessions in particular take place mostly on Fridays. Choose one issue from the syllabus and inform the instructor after Jan 14th, W (add/drop final day) Your task is to present your position and manage class debate (15% by peer-review) and to participate in the debate (15%).

4) Research Paper
   Students will complete a 15 page-long research paper on a topic discussed in advance with the instructor (by March 6th). Research paper should be composed of the following four sections: 1) Question, 2) Relevance, 3) Theory, and 4) Evidence. Late papers will be penalized and course total grade will drop 3 points.

* Letter grades will be assigned according to the following point totals:

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IV. READINGS BY CLASS SESSION

Jan 7  W  Course Introduction:
Study of American Foreign Policy: American Politics or International Relations?


Part I. The Setting of U.S. Foreign Policy: History and Theory

Jan 9  F  The United States in a Turbulent World

# Hook 2008. Chapter 1
* Peter Trubowitz. 1998. “Regional Conflict and Coalitions of American Foreign Policy” in Defining the National Interest: Conflict and Change in American Foreign Policy. (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press), pp. 1-30

Jan 12 M, 14 W  The Expansion of U.S. Power

# Hook 2008, Chapter 2.

Jan 16 F  Issue #1: Is American Hegemony Good for the United States and the World?
Jan 19 M       MLK Holiday

Jan 21 W       Dynamics of Decision Making I

# Hook 2008, Chapter 3
* Peter Trubowitz. 1998. “North-South Alliance and the Triumph of Internationalism in the 1930s” in Defining the National Interest: Conflict and Change in American Foreign Policy (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press), pp. 96-168

Jan 23 F       Issue #3: Should Promoting Democracy Abroad Be a Top U.S. Priority?

Jan 26 M, 28 W       Dynamics of Decision Making II

* Peter Trubowitz. 1998. “Sectional Conflict and the Great Debates of the 1890s” in Defining the National Interest: Conflict and Change in American Foreign Policy (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press), pp. 31-95

Jan 30 F       Issue #4: Was the War in Iraq Justified?

Part II. Inside-Out: Government Sources of Foreign Policy

Feb 2 M, 4 W       Presidential Power

# Hook 2008. Chapter 4

Feb 6 F  Issue #5: Should the United States Stay in Iraq?

Feb 9 M, 11 W  Congress beyond the “Water’s Edge”

# Hook 2008. Chapter 5

Feb 13 F  Issue #14: Does Domestic Spying Help the United States?

Feb 16 M  No Class (Instructor for International Studies Association Conference in NY)

Feb 18 W  The Foreign Policy Bureaucracy

# Hook 2008. Chapter 6

Feb 20 F  Issue #13: Has the Department of Homeland Security Been a Success?

Feb 23 M  American Foreign Policy and Party Politics

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Feb 25 W  Midterm Exam

Feb 27 F  Issue #11: Should the United States Seek Negotiations and Engagement with North Korea?

Part III. Outside-In: External Sources of Foreign Policy

Mar 2 M  Public Opinion at Home and Abroad

  # Hook 2008. Chapter 7

Mar 4 W  The Impact of Mass Communications

  # Hook 2008. Chapter 8

Mar 6 F  Research Paper Discussion

Mar 9-13  Spring Break!
Mar 16 M, 18 W  Social Movements and Interest Groups

# Hook 2008. Chapter 9

Mar 20  F  Issue #21: Can Humanitarian Intervention Be Justified?

Part IV. Policy Domains

Mar 23 M, 25 W  National Security and Defense Policy

# Hook 2008, Chapter 10

Mar 27  F  Issue #12: Is the Support for Israel a Key Factor in America’s Difficulties in the Middle East?

Mar 30 M, Apr 1 W  Economic Statecraft

# Hook 2008, Chapter 11.
Apr 3 F    No Class (Instructor for MPSA Conferences in Chicago)

Apr 6 M    Issue #16: Is Economic Globalization Good for the United States?

Apr 8 W    Transnational Policy Problems I

# Hook 2008, Chapter 12

Apr 10 F   No Class (Good Friday Holiday!)

Apr 13 M   Issue #15: Is Loosening Immigration Regulations Good for the United States?

Apr 15 W   Transnational Policy Problems II


Apr 17 F   Issue #19: Is It Realistic for the United States to Move Toward Greater Energy Independence?

Apr 20 M, 22 W    Geopolitics, Globalization, and American Foreign Policy

* Peter Trubowitz. 1998. “Geopolitics and Foreign Policy” in Defining the National Interest: Conflict and Change in American Foreign Policy (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press), pp. 235-245
Apr 24F  Issue #10: Is China’s Rise Threatening to the United States?

Apr 27M  Last Class Day and Course Summary

May 4 M  Final Exam (11:30 am - 2:30 pm)