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I. COURSE MEETINGS  
Mon & Wed: 2:00-3:15 p.m. (Leutze Hall 143)

II. OFFICE HOURS  
Mon & Wed: 3:30-5:00 p.m. or by appointment

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 MATERIALS AND TEXTBOOK  
The following textbook is REQUIRED and available at the university book store.  


# Readings are also REQUIRED to read and downloadable from the Seaport Course Homepage  
(http://seaport.uncw.edu)
V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Response Papers (10%)
- Midterm Exam (Feb 24, W) (20%)
- Final Exam (Apr 28 W) (20%)
- Debate Presentation (10%) and Participation (10%)
- Research Paper
  - First Draft (research question & design) = due Mar 17 W (10%)
  - Presentation = starting on Apr 12 M (5%)
  - Final Draft = due May 5 W (15%)

1) Six Response Papers (10%)
   Readings are critical for this PLS 422 class. Submit one-page long, single-spaced response papers of the course readings (except for textbook chapters) and submit at the end of the designated class dates such as Jan 20, Feb 3, Feb 17, Mar 3, Mar 24, Apr 7, Apr 21. You can skip one response paper of your choice so that the total number of response papers is six.

2) Two In-Class Exams (40%)
   There will be midterm (20%) and final Exam (20%). Format is a combination of multiple choice, short identification, and short essay. All readings materials and lectures notes will be a fair game on the exams (50-50!).

3) Discussion Presentation (10%) and Debate Participation (10%)
   Sign up onto one issue from the syllabus and inform the instructor of your choice AFTER Jan 13th W (add/drop final day). Your job is to present your analyses and positions on your choice of topic and manage class discussion by suggesting questions and handling debates. In the debate sessions when you do not present, you are expected to participate in class discussion.

4) Research Paper (30%)
   First draft (5-page long, double-spaced) including your research question and design is due Mar 17 W. Then, starting on Apr 12 M, you will present your research paper progress. Finally, final draft (20-page long, double spaced) is due May 5 W, 5 pm. Late papers will be penalized and course total grade will drop 3 points. More details will be discussed in class.

* Letter grades will be assigned according to the following point totals:
  A=92.5 or more   A-=89.5-92.49   B+=87.5-89.49   B=82.5-87.49   B-=79.5-82.49
  C+=77.5-79.49    C=69.5-77.49    D = 59.5-69.49    F= less than 59.5
IV. READINGS BY CLASS SESSION

Jan 6 W   **Course Introduction:** Analyzing American Foreign Policy: *American Politics or International Relations?*


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

Jan 11 M   **The United States in a Turbulent World**

  Hook 2008, Ch 1

Jan 13 W   **The Expansion of U.S. Power I**

  Hook 2008, Ch 2.

Jan 18 M   **Martin Luther King State Holiday**

Jan 20 W   **The Expansion of U.S. Power II**


  🍂 *Jan 20 W = Debate Question #1: “Is American Hegemony Good for the United States and the World?”*
Jan 25 M 27 W  Dynamics of Decision Making

Hook 2008, Ch 3


Jan 27 W = Debate Question #3: Should Promoting Democracy Abroad Be a Top U.S. Priority?

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

Feb 1 M  Feb 3 W  Presidential Power

Hook 2008. Ch 4

Feb 1 M = Debate Question #4: Was the War in Iraq Justified?

Feb 3 W = Debate Question #5: Is Pakistan an Asset in the War on Terror?

Feb 8 M 10 W  Congress beyond the “Water's Edge”

Hook 2008. Ch 5


Feb 8 M = Debate Question #6: Should the United States Preemptively Attack Iranian Nuclear Facilities?

Feb 10 W = Debate Question #7: Should the United States Send Peacekeeping Troops to Darfur?

Feb 15 M  Feb 17 W  The Foreign Policy Bureaucracy and Party Politics of Foreign Policy I

Hook 2008. Ch 6

Feb 15 M = Debate Question #8: Is China’s Rise threatening to the United States?

Feb 17 W = Debate Question #9: Should the United States Seek Negotiations and Engagement with North Korea?

Feb 22 M  Party Politics of Foreign Policy II


Feb 24 W  Midterm Exam (Ch 1 -6 and course readings)
Part III. Outside-In: External Sources of Foreign Policy

Mar 1 M **Mar 3 W** Public Opinion at Home and Abroad/Research Paper Discussion

Hook 2008. Ch 7

♩ Mar 1 M = Debate Question #10: Is U.S. Support for Israel a Key Factor in America’s Difficulties in the Middle East?

♩ Mar 3 W = Debate Question #11: Has the Department of Homeland Security Been a Success?

Mar 8 M 10 W Spring Break!!!

Mar 15 M 17 W The Impact of Mass Communications

Hook 2008. Ch 8

♩ Mar 15 M = Debate Question #12: Does Domestic Spying Help the United States?

♩ Mar 17 W = Debate Question #13: Is Loosening Immigration Regulations Good for the United States?

Mar 22 M **Mar 24 W** Social Movements and Interest Groups

Hook 2008. Ch 9

Mar 22 M = Debate Question #14: Is Economic Globalization Good for the United States?

Mar 24 W = Debate Question #15: Is Outsourcing Good for the United States?

Part IV. Policy Domains

Mar 29 M 31 W National Security and Defense Policy

Hook 2008, Ch 10

Mar 29 M = Debate Question #16: Should the United States Fight Climate Change?

Mar 31 W = Debate Question #17: Is It Realistic for the United States to Move toward Greater Energy Independence?

Apr 5 M Apr 7 W Economic Statecraft

Hook 2008, Ch 11.
Apr 5 M = Debate Question #18: Is It Justifiable to Put Suspected Terrorists under Great Physical Duress?

Apr 7 W = Debate Questions #19: Can Humanitarian Intervention Be Justified?

Apr 12 M 14 W Transnational Policy Problems

Hook 2008, Ch 12

Research Paper Presentation I

Apr 19 M Apr 21 W Geopolitics, Globalization, and American Foreign Policy


Research Paper Presentation II

Apr 26 M Last Day of Classes

Apr 28 W Final Exam (Ch 7-12 and course readings; 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm)

May 5 W Research Paper Due 5 pm