

History 3020 American Foreign Relations, 1914 to the Present  
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### Course Objectives:

This course has two broad objectives: 1) to enhance student understanding of U.S. interaction with the world during the 20th and early 21<sup>st</sup> centuries; 2) to develop concrete skills-- grammatical, reading, listening, oral, organizational, and conceptual.

### Required Reading:

#### Books

Robert Schulzinger, U.S. Diplomacy Since 1900, 6<sup>th</sup> ed.  
(Oxford University Press, 2007).

Michael H. Hunt (ed.), The World Transformed 1945 to the Present: A Documentary Reader (Bedford/St. Martin's, 2004).

John Lewis Gaddis, Surprise, Security, and the American Experience (Harvard University Press, 2004).

Robert K. Brigham, Is Iraq Another Vietnam? (Public Affairs, 2006).

The first two books are available in the University Bookstore. The last two should be ordered through the internet.

#### Internet Documents

"The National Security Strategy of the United States of America," Sept. 2002, [www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nss.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nss.pdf)

"A National Security Strategy for a New Century," Dec. 1999, [www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/nss/nss2000.htm](http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/nss/nss2000.htm)

"National Security Strategy for Combating Terrorism, 9/2006," [www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nsct/2006/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nsct/2006/)

#### Library Reserve Documents

1. "Declaration of War Against Germany (1917)"

2. "Senator LaFollette Voices His Dissent(1917)"
3. "The Fourteen Points (1918)"
4. "Articles 10 through 16 of the League Covenant (1919)"
5. "The League of Nations (1919)"
6. "The League of Nations Must Be Revised (1919)"
7. "Quarantine of the Aggressors (1937)"
8. "The Four Freedoms (1941)"
9. "Lindberg Address to America First Rally (1941)"
10. "FDR War Message to Congress (1941)"
11. "Japanese Position Presented, 12/7/41"
12. "The Atomic Bomb—The Public Explanation (1945)
13. "The Franck Committee Predicts an Nuclear Arms Race (1945)"
14. "If the Atomic Bomb Had Not Been Used (1946)"
15. "President Truman Discusses Korea (6/26/50)"
16. "Mao Informs Stalin of Decision to Intervene in Korea (10/2/50)"
17. "Truman Defends US Policy in Korea (April 1951)"
18. "MacArthur's No Substitute for Victory Speech (April 1951)"
19. "Dulles Proposes Massive Retaliation (1954)"
20. "Eisenhower's Farewell Address (1961)"
21. "JFK's Inaugural Address (1961)"
22. "JFK Meets with Advisers on Cuba (10/16/62)"
23. "JFK Address to Nation (10/22/62)"
24. "Khrushchev Asks for US Non-Invasion Pledge (10/26/62)"

25. "Castro and Mikoyan Review Cuban Crisis (11/4/62)"
26. "UN Security Council Resolution 242 (1967)"
27. "The Carter Doctrine (1980)"
28. "President Bush (41) Declares New World Order (1990)"
29. "President Clinton Warns Against New Isolationism (1995)"
30. "Study Challenges Bush Counterterrorism Strategy (11/07)"

#### Tests and Grading:

Two tests and a final examination will be given during the semester. They will be essay and short answer in nature and based on lectures, readings, and discussions. They will count the following percentages of your final grade: 2 tests, 40%; final exam, 40%. Essay questions will be passed out in advance of the tests and final exam, but must be done in class without notes or books. A substantial portion of the final exam will be taken from the 2 tests.

The remaining 20% of your grade will be determined by your grade on a 3000-to-5000 word paper done outside of class based either on change and continuity in U.S. foreign policy or on historical analogy and U.S. foreign policy. You have considerable leeway in developing a specific approach within one of those frameworks, but it would be a good idea to consult the instructor before writing the paper. It would also be advisable to read the Gaddis book listed above early in the semester if you want to pursue the first approach and the Brigham book, also listed above, if you want to pursue the latter approach. However, your paper cannot be simply a summary of one of these books. It must integrate other materials from this course as well as at least 3 sources beyond the core reading. Your paper must include a bibliography of sources consulted as well as citations when using information and/or ideas that are not your own. Papers are due before class on Thurs., April 17. Late papers will be severely penalized.

Attendance will be taken on a daily basis and a record of student participation in classroom discussion also will be kept. These records will be used in determining grades in borderline cases. Students with over 5 absences, including the first day,

will not pass the course. Excused absences may occur only in cases where a student has missed a test.

#### Excused Absences:

With few exceptions, excused absences fit into one of the following categories: 1) death in the immediate family; 2) student illness (verified by a doctor's letter or dated prescription with the student's name on it); 3) participation in a university-sponsored activity (intercollegiate athletic event, required field trip, etc.). In each case, it is the student's responsibility to provide concrete verification of the excuse. Makeup exams will be administered only when such verification is provided.

#### Dropping the Class:

Students may drop the class with a W at any point up to March 4. After that, students may drop with a W only through appeal to higher administrative authority.

Classes and Assignments (reading assignments should be completed by the time you come to class on the day appearing below):

Tues., Jan. 8	Lecture: Lecture: The U.S. and the World in 1914
Thurs., Jan. 10	Discussion: Interpretations of American Foreign Policy Reading: <u>US Diplomacy</u> , chapters 1 & 2.
Tues., Jan. 15	Lecture: The U.S. and World War I Reading: <u>US Diplomacy</u> , chapters 3 & 4
Thurs., Jan. 17	Discussion: Woodrow Wilson and World War I Reading: <u>World Transformed</u> , 8-10; Reserve Documents 1-6
Tues., Jan. 22	Lecture: The U.S. and the Great Powers in the Interwar Period Reading: <u>US Diplomacy</u> , chapters 5 & 6
Thurs., Jan. 24	Discussion: U.S. Entry into World War II Reading: <u>US Diplomacy</u> , 127-42; <u>World Transformed</u> , 10-12; Reserve Documents 7-11
Tues., Jan. 29	Lecture: War and Diplomacy

- Reading: US Diplomacy, 142-61
- Thurs., Jan. 31 Discussion: Preparing for the Postwar World  
Reading: World Transformed, 13-27; Reserve Documents 12-14
- Tues., Feb. 5 Lecture: The Origins of the Cold War  
Reading: US Diplomacy, 162-83
- Thurs., Feb. 7 Discussion: The Origins of the Cold War  
Reading: World Transformed, 27-36, 52-89
- Tues., Feb. 12 Lecture: The Rise of East Asia  
Reading: US Diplomacy, 183-85; World Transformed, 90-106
- Thurs., Feb. 14 Test #1
- Tues., Feb. 19 Lecture: The Korean War & International Politics  
Reading: US Diplomacy, 186-200; World Transformed, 26-40; Reserve Documents 15-16
- Thurs., Feb. 21 Discussion: The Korean War & the Red Scare  
Reading: World Transformed, 46-51; Reserve Documents 17-19; US Diplomacy, 212-13
- Tues., Feb. 26 Lecture: The Cold War & the Third World  
Reading: US Diplomacy, 200-204, 209-12; World Transformed, 106-17, 231-39
- Thurs., Feb. 28 Discussion: Ike, Khrushchev & Nuclear Weapons  
Reading: US Diplomacy, 204-209, 213-17; World Transformed, 131-55; Reserve Document 20
- Tues., March 4 Lecture: JFK, the Third World, & Berlin  
Reading: US Diplomacy, 218-32; World Transformed, 241-54, 261-75; Reserve Document 21
- Thurs., March 6 Discussion: The Cuban Missile Crisis  
Reading: US Diplomacy, 225-28; World Transformed, 254-61; Reserve Documents 22-25
- Tues., March 18 Lecture: Vietnam  
Reading: US Diplomacy, 232-48

- Thurs., March 20 Discussion: Vietnam  
Reading: World Transformed, 155-80, 261-75
- Tues., March 25 Lecture: Détente & Rapprochement  
Reading: US Diplomacy, chapter 11; World Transformed, 276-81
- Thurs., March 27 Lecture: Ford, Carter & the Illusion of US Decline  
Reading: US Diplomacy, chapter 12
- Tues., April 1 Test #2
- Thurs., April 3 Discussion: US & the Middle East  
Reading: Reserve Documents 26 & 27; World Transformed, 363-94
- Tues., April 8 Discussion: Reagan, Gorbachev & Bush #1  
Reading: US Diplomacy, 295-318; World Transformed, 281-316; Reserve Document 28
- Thurs., April 10 Discussion: Politics & Economics  
Reading: World Transformed, chapter 8
- Tues., April 15 Discussion: Clinton and Defining America's Role in the Post-Cold War World  
Reading: US Diplomacy, chapter 14; "A National Security Strategy for a New Century" (see p. 1 under Internet Documents)
- Thurs., April 17 Discussion: Bush 2 and Preemption  
Reading: "The National Security Strategy of the United States"; Surprise, Security, and the American Experience  
Outside Papers Due
- Tues., April 22 Discussion: Historical Analogy, Iraq & Vietnam  
Reading: Is Iraq Another Vietnam?
- Thurs., April 24 Student Evaluations & Review
- Tues., May 1 Final Exam 12-3. (A makeup final will be offered on Sat., April 26,, from 9-12 A.M.)