

**AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY
INTL 4250
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The University of Georgia
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Course Objectives

This upper-division class exams the fundamentals of American foreign policy: why the United States must concern itself with the rest of the world and how this nation's external relations are forged. The primary focus is on U.S. foreign policy since the end of the Second World War, including:

- > the challenge of gathering and analyzing information from around the world—strategic intelligence;
- > the overt use of force to achieve America's international objectives—sending in the Marines;
- > the shadowy use of secret agencies to manipulate events overseas—covert action;
- > the pursuit of diplomatic approaches to the peaceful settlement of international disputes through negotiations—jawing instead of warring;
- > the use of economic inducements—trade and aid;
- > the international appeal of popular U.S. cultural symbols—soft power; and,
- > the evocation of ethical principles and ideals to guide America's relations with other countries—moral suasion.

Course Obligations

Each student will be expected to fulfill three obligations: first, to participate actively in classroom discussions of the lecture and reading material (25 % of the final grade); second, to take part in a Foreign Policy Task Force inquiry, design to prepare a well-researched paper on some aspect of U.S. foreign policy (25 %); and, third, to pass midterm and final examinations on the content of the classroom lectures and discussions, as well as the reading materials (25% for each exam). The precise characteristics of the Task Force project will be discussed early in the semester.

The Readings

- Bowden, Mark. *Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War*. New York: Penguin, 2000.
- Carter, Ralph G., ed. *Contemporary Cases in U.S. Foreign Policy: From Terrorism to Trade*. 2nd edition. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly, 2005.
- Nye, Joseph S., Jr. *The Paradox of American Power*. New York: Oxford, 2002.
- Papp, Daniel S., Loch K. Johnson, and John E. Endicott. *American Foreign Policy: History, Politics, and Policy*. New York: Pearson-Longman, 2005.

Reading and Discussion Schedule

WEEK ONE (January 11, 13): *Organizational Meeting; Introductions; Sources and Methods*

Reading: Papp, Johnson, Endicott (hereafter PJE), Introduction, Ch. 1
Carter, Ch. 1

WEEK TWO (January 18, 20): *Key Dimensions of Foreign Policy Analysis*

Reading: PJE, Ch. 2
Carter, Ch. 2
Nye, Preface

WEEK THREE (January 25, 27): *The Past as Prologue: A Heritage of Ambivalence*

Reading: PJE, Ch. 3
Carter, Ch. 3
Nye, Ch. 1

WEEK FOUR (February 1, 3): *Remembering the Constitution*

Reading: PJE, Ch. 4
Carter, Ch. 4
Nye, Ch. 2

WEEK FIVE (February 8, 10): *Institutional Dynamics: The Executive Branch*

Reading: PJE, Ch. 5
Carter, Ch. 5
Nye, Ch. 3

WEEK SIX (February 15, 17): *Institutional Dynamics: Congress and the Courts*

Reading: PJE, Ch. 6
Carter, Ch. 6
Nye, Ch. 4

WEEK SEVEN (February 22, 24): *The Human Factor*

Reading: PJE, Ch. 7
Carter, Ch. 7
Nye, Ch. 5

WEEK EIGHT (March 1, 3: Midpoint of Semester): *Intelligence, the Foundations of Foreign Policy*

Reading: PJE, Ch. 8 MIDTERM EXAMINATION ON MARCH 1;
Carter, Ch. 8 TASK FORCE MEETINGS ON MARCH 3

WEEK NINE (March 8, 10): *Covert Action, America's Secret Power*

Reading: PJE, Ch. 9
Carter, Ch. 9
Bowden, "The Assault"

WEEK TEN (March 14-18): *Spring Break—Ski Heil!*

Reading: ski trail maps

WEEK ELEVEN (March 22, 24): *The War Powers*

Reading: PJE, Ch. 10 TASK FORCE MEETINGS ON MARCH 24
Carter, Ch. 10
Bowden, "Black Hawk Down"

WEEK TWELVE (March 29, 31): *Diplomacy: The Art of Peaceful Negotiations*

Reading: PJE, Ch. 11
Carter, Ch. 11
Bowden, "Overrun"

WEEK THIRTEEN (April 5, 7): *Economic Statecraft*

Reading: PJE, Ch. 12
Carter, ch. 12 TASK FORCE MEETINGS ON APRIL 7
Bowden, "The Alamo"

WEEK FOURTEEN (April 12, 14): *Morality and Foreign Policy*

Reading: PJE, Ch. 13
Carter, ch. 13
Bowden, "N.S.D.Q."

WEEK FIFTEEN (April 19, 21): *The Contemporary Setting*

Reading: PJE, Ch. 14
Carter, ch. 14
Bowden, "Afterword"

TASK FORCE MEETINGS ON APRIL 21

WEEK SIXTEEN (April 26, 28): *The Future of American Foreign Policy*

Reading: PJE, Ch. 15 and Concluding Thoughts.
Carter, ch. 15 and Conclusion

TASK FORCE REPORTS
DUE ON APRIL 28

WEEK SEVENTEEN (May 5, Thursday): *Final Examination*, 12:00-1:00 (Absolutely no exceptions to this final exam time.)

Happy summer to all!

Addendum: List of Task Forces

1. The U.S. and the Western Hemisphere
2. The U.S. and Western Europe
3. The U.S. and Eastern Europe
4. The U.S. and Russia
5. The U.S. and China
6. The U.S. and the Far East
7. The U.S. and the Middle East
8. The U.S. and Southwest Asia
9. Foreign Policy and Accountability
10. Foreign Policy and Intelligence
11. Foreign Policy and Institutional Reform
12. The Ethical Dimensions of Foreign Policy