

**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, including presentation of a policy brief and service on a "murder board" (25 percent 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 percent); and, third, to pass midterm and final examinations on the content of the classroom lectures and discussions, as well as the reading materials (25 percent for each exam). The precise characteristics of the Task Force project will be discussed early in the semester. Some classroom time will be reserved each week for Task Force meetings and

planning.

The Readings

- Clarke, Richard A. *Against All Enemies: Inside America's War on Terror*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2004.
- Forsythe, David, Patrice C. McMahon, and Andrew Wedeman, eds. *American Foreign Policy in a Globalized World*. New York: Routledge, 2006.
- Fukuyama, Francis, *America at the Crossroads*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2006.
- Hart, Gary. *The Shield and the Cloak: The Security of the Commons*. New York: Oxford, 2006.
- Johnson, Loch K. *Seven Sins of American Foreign Policy*. New York: Longman, 2007.
- Lowenthal, Mark M. *Intelligence: From Secrets to Policy*, 3rd ed. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2006.

Reading and Discussion Schedule

WEEK ONE (January 9, 11): *Organizational Meeting; Introductions; Sources and Methods*

Reading: Forsythe, et.al., Introduction
Fukuyama, Chs. 1-3

WEEK TWO (January 16, 18): *Key Dimensions of Foreign Policy Analysis*

Reading: Forsythe, et.al, Ch. 1
Fukuyama, Chs. 4-7

WEEK THREE (January 23, 25): *The Past as Prologue: A Heritage of Ambivalence*

Reading: Forsythe, et.al., Ch. 2
Johnson, Introduction
Hart, Introduction, Chs. 1-2

WEEK FOUR (February January 30, February 1): *Remembering the Constitution*

Reading: Forsythe, et.al., Ch. 3
Hart, Chs. 3-5, Conclusion

WEEK FIVE (February 6, 8): *Institutional Dynamics: The Executive Branch*

Reading: Forsythe, et.al., Ch. 4
Clarke, Chs. 1-6

WEEK SIX (February 13, 15): *Institutional Dynamics: Congress and the Courts*

Reading: Clarke, Chs. 7-Epilogue

Forsythe, et.al, Ch. 5

WEEK SEVEN (February 20, 22): *The Human Factor*

Reading: Johnson, Ch. 2
Forsythe, et.al., Ch. 6
Lowenthal, Chs. 1-5

WEEK EIGHT (February 27, March 1: Midpoint of Semester): *Intelligence, the Foundations of Foreign Policy*

Reading: Lowenthal, Chs. 6-10 MIDTERM EXAMINATION ON FEBRUARY 27;
Forsythe, et.al., Ch. 7

WEEK NINE (March 6, 8): *Covert Action, America's Secret Power*

Reading: Lowenthal, Chs. 11-15
Forsythe, et.al., Ch. 8

WEEK TEN (March 12-15): *Spring Break-Ski Heil!*

Reading: ski trail maps

WEEK ELEVEN (March 20, 22): *The War Powers*

Reading: Johnson, Chs. 2-3 TASK FORCE #1: March 20
Forsythe, et.al., Ch. 9 TASK FORCE #2: March 22

WEEK TWELVE (March 27, 29): *Diplomacy: The Art of Peaceful Negotiations*

Reading: Johnson, Chs. 4-5 TASK FORCE #3: March 27
Forsythe, et.al., Ch. 10 TASK FORCE #4: March 29

WEEK THIRTEEN (April 3, 5): *Economic Statecraft*

Reading: Johnson, Ch. 6 TASK FORCE #5: April 3
Forsythe, et.al., Ch. 11 TASK FORCE #6: April 5

WEEK FOURTEEN (April 10, 12): *Morality and Foreign Policy*

Reading: Johnson, Ch. 7 TASK FORCE #7: April 10
Forsythe, et.al., Ch. 12 TASK FORCE #8: April 12

WEEK FIFTEEN (April 17, 19): *The Contemporary Setting*

Reading: Johnson, Conclusion
Forsythe, et.al., Ch. 13

TASK FORCE #9: April 17
TASK FORCE #10: April 19

WEEK SIXTEEN (April 24, 26): *The Future of American Foreign Policy*
TASK FORCE REPORTS DUE ON APRIL 26, 5:00 p.m., Candler Hall 305

WEEK SEVENTEEN (May 3, Thursday): *Final Examination*, 12:00-1:30 (absolutely no exceptions to this final exam time).

List of Task Forces

1. The U.S. and Global Cultures and Religions
2. The U.S. and the Use of Military Power
3. The U.S. and the Use of Diplomacy
4. The U.S. and International Economics
5. The U.S. and World Health
6. The U.S. and the Global Environment
7. Foreign Policy and Accountability
8. Foreign Policy and Intelligence
9. Foreign Policy and Institutional Reform
10. The Ethical Dimensions of Foreign Policy