

**American Foreign Policy**  
**INTL 4250**  
**Professor Howard J. Wiarda**  
**Fall 2009**

Required Books:

Howard J. Wiarda, Divided America and Foreign Policy (page proofs)

Andrew Bennett and George Shambaugh, Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in American Foreign Policy (Fourth Edition).

Howard J. Wiarda, The Crisis of American Foreign Policy

Other material to be handed out.

Course Description:

A survey of American foreign policy focused on:

1. The process of foreign policy
2. Major regions of American interests
3. Major issues of policy

Expectations: Attendance at all seminar meetings. All reading and vigorous participation.

Professor's office hours: By appointment

Tests & Grades:

Midterm (20%)

Final Exam (30%)

Three short papers or book reviews, 5-7 pages each (10% each) due the first class meeting in October and November, and on November 30.

Seminar participation (20%)

Schedule:

September 14. Introduction: The Crisis of American Foreign Policy; Models of Policy Making  
Read: Bennett and Shambaugh, Issue 1  
Read: Wiarda, Crisis, Intro, Chapter 1  
Read: Wiarda, Divided, Chapter 2

- September 21. Political Culture and Public Opinion  
Read: Wiarda, Divided, Chapters 3-4
- September 28. The Media, Interest Groups, Political Parties  
Read: Wiarda, Divided, Chapters 5-7
- October 5: Think Tanks and Informed Connections  
Read: Wiarda, Divided, Chapters 8-9  
**Paper Due**
- October 12. Federal Holiday (Columbus Day). No class*
- October 19. Bureaucratic Politics  
Read: Wiarda, Divided, Chapter 11
- October 26. Congress, Presidency, National Security Council  
Read: Wiarda, Divided, Chapters 10, 12, 13  
**Midterm Exam**
- November 2. Russia and Eastern Europe  
Readings to be handed out  
**Paper due**
- November 9. Asia  
Read: Wiarda, Crisis, Chapter 11  
Bennett and Shambaugh, Issues 7, 10, 11
- November 16. Latin America  
Read: Wiarda, Crisis, Chapter 13
- November 23. Democracy and Human Rights  
Read: Wiarda, Crisis, Chapters 7, 8  
Bennett and Shambaugh, Issues 3, 21
- November 30. Globalization  
Read: Wiarda, Crisis, Chapter 10  
Bennett and Shambaugh, Issues 16, 17, 18, 19  
**Paper due**
- December 7. Conclusion and Final Exam  
Read: Wiarda, Divided, Conclusion  
Wiarda, Crisis, Chapter 6