

POLI 4043  
U.S. Foreign Policy  
Summer 2014  
9:50-10:50/MTWTF  
203 Tureaud Hall

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Office Hours: 8:30-9:30AM (daily)  
12:00-1:00PM (T/Th)

OBJECTIVE: The Course is designed to examine U.S. foreign policy and its impact on the outside world. There will be two parts to the course: An In-put section on how foreign policy is made; and an Out-put section on the effects of U.S. foreign policy on various regions and issue areas.

By the end of the summer, students should be able to gain some powerful insight of the complex, yet inevitable, relations of the U.S. in today's world.

TEXTBOOK: There is only one test required for the course:

Michael Cox & Doug Stokes: *U.S. Foreign Policy*  
Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012

In addition, students are required to subscribe to *The New York Times* for the entire length of the summer term. Checks in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ should be made to the Baton Rouge Courier in the first week of class.

EXAMS, PAPERS, GRADES: There will be an early Take-Home Exam, an In-class Midterm Exam, two (NYT) Multiple Choice Exams, a research paper on any particular topic of your choice and a presentation on your findings, and a Final Exam.

Course grades will be determined according to the following formula:

Class Participation (daily)	10pts
Early Take-Home Exam (June 18)	10pts
(2) NYT Multiple Choice (June 30/July 28)	10pts
Midterm Exam (July 02)	20pts
Research Paper (July 23)	20pts
Presentation (July 21-25)	5pts
Final Exam (July 31/Th. 1:30-3:30pm)	<u>25pts</u>
	100pts

A: 88-100

B: 78-87.9

C: 69-77.9

D: 60-68.9

F: below 60

## LECTURE OUTLINE

June 9-13	<u>Course Introduction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Why Study Foreign Policy</li><li>- Basis of Foreign Policy Behavior</li><li>- U.S. Image in today's world</li><li>- Themes and Principles</li></ul>	Chapters: 1, 2, 5 & 6
June 13-17	<u>History and Evolution of Foreign Policy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Historical Context</li><li>- From Isolation to Involvement</li><li>- Select Cases: Korea/Vietnam Iraq/Afghanistan Iran-contra Affair The Surveillance debate</li></ul>	Chapters: 3 & 4
June 18	<u>Take-home Exam Due</u>	
June 18-19	<u>The Making of Foreign Policy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The President and National Security</li><li>- The Congress and Legislative Posture</li></ul>	Chapter: 7
June 20-23	<u>The Making of Foreign Policy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The State Dept. and its Diplomacy</li><li>- The Dept. of Defense and Warfare</li></ul>	Chapters: 6 & 8
June 24-26	<u>The Making of Foreign Policy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Interest Groups and Political Parties</li><li>- The Press and Public Opinion</li><li>- The Intelligence and its Discontents</li></ul>	
June 27	<u>Review/Discuss Research Paper Topics</u>	
June 30	<u>NYT Multiple Choice Test (20 questions)</u>	
July 1	<u>Midterm Exam (in-class)</u>	
July 2-3	<u>Overview of Authors and their Themes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Walt: <i>Taming American Power</i></li><li>- Kinzer: <i>Overthrow</i></li><li>- Daalder: <i>The Bush Revolution</i></li><li>- Mandelbaum: <i>The Case for Goliath</i></li></ul>	

July 7-11	<u>Survey of Regions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Europe</li> <li>- Asia</li> <li>- Middle East</li> <li>- Latin America</li> <li>- Africa</li> </ul>	Chapters: 12-17
July 14-18	<u>Survey of Issues</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trade of Finance</li> <li>- Use of Force/War on Terror: Restraint vs. Intervention</li> <li>- Democracy/Human Rights/Development</li> </ul>	Chapters: 18-20
July 21-25	<u>Research Paper Presentations</u> (July 23: Research Paper Due)	
July 28	<u>Pre-Final NYT Multiple Choice Test</u>	
July 31	<u>Final Exam 1:30-3:30pm (Thursday)</u>	