Weekly outline

September 2 - September 8

SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

TUESDAY: Overview of Course

Reading: None

THURSDAY: A U.S. Foreign Policy Legacy? -- Isolationism and Internationalism

Reading: Gaddis, Strategies, pp. 3-23 (Moodle)


• September 3: Undergraduate classes begin

September 9 - September 15

TUESDAY: Models of American Foreign Policy Making: International and Societal Forces

Readings: Ole R. Holsti, “Theories of International Relations,” Making American Foreign Policy, pp. 313-343 (Moodle)

Eugene Wittkopf and Christopher Jones, “Pattern and Process in American Foreign Policy: An Analytical Perspective” American Foreign Policy, pp. 17-26 (Moodle)

Thursday: Models of American Foreign Policy Making: Individual Level

Philip Tetlock and Charles McGuire, Jr., “Cognitive Perspectives on Foreign Policy,” in G. John Ikenberry, American Foreign Policy, 5th ed., pp. 484-500. (Moodle)

**September 16 - September 22**

**Tuesday: The Origins of the Cold War**

Readings: Gaddis, Strategies of Containment, pp. 24-124 (Moodle)


Recommended:

X Article/George Kennan, “The Sources of Soviet Conduct,” Foreign Affairs 65 (Spring 1987):852-68. (Moodle)

NSC-68. (Moodle) Skim in comparison to the X article.

Gaddis, Strategies, pp. 125-234 (Moodle)

**Thursday: Case Discussion: The Cuban Missile Crisis**

Readings: ISD Case 334 “The Cuban Missile Crisis”


**September 23 - September 29**

**Tuesday: Case Discussion: Vietnam**

Readings: Americanizing the Vietnam War by Richard Neustadt– this case will be the basis for discussion.

Bruce Kuklick, Blind Oracles, 2006, pp. 206-220 (Moodle)

Gordon Goldstein, Lessons in Disaster, pp. 144-185 (Moodle)

Selections from McNamara, In Retrospect (Moodle)

Gaddis, Strategies, pp. 235-271 (Moodle)

Note: Read rest of Gaddis, Strategies, pp. 271-391 (Moodle) over the next couple of weeks for background.

III. INSTITUTIONS

Thursday: The Presidency

Readings: Larry George, “Democratic Theory and the Conduct of American Foreign Policy” (Moodle)

Mead, “The Carter Syndrome” (Hastedt reader #21)

Miller Center, “National War Powers Commission Report” (Hastedt reader #22)

Slaughter & Rabkin, “Law, Liberty, and War” (Hastedt reader #28)

September 30 - October 6

Tuesday: Congress

Readings: Harold Hongju Koh, “Why the President Almost Always Wins in Foreign Affairs” (Moodle)

James M. Lindsay, “From Deference to Activism and Back Again: Congress and the Politics of American Foreign Policy” (Moodle)

Howell and Pevehouse, “When Congress Stops Wars,” (Hastedt Reader #27)

Thursday: Case Discussion: The 2003 Iraq War


Midterm posted by end of day Friday, October 5

October 7 - October 13

Tuesday: Public Opinion, Elections, and Interest Groups
Readings: Miroslav Nincic, "External Affairs and the Electoral Connection, Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy," 2012 (Moodle)

Foyle, “Vox Populi as a Foundation for Foreign Policy Renewal? Unity and Division in Post-Bush Administration Public Opinion,” (Moodle)

Roberts, “The War We Deserve” (Hastedt reader, #18)

Huliaras, “The Evangelical Roots of U.S. Africa Policy,” (Hastedt reader #19)

Martin, “Waiting Games,” (Hastedt reader #20)

Thursday: Case Discussion: Dubai Ports Crisis

Reading: Foyle, “Anatomy of a Crash: Port Security and the 2006 Dubai Ports World Controversy” (Moodle)

- Fall Break begins at the end of classes on October 12

**October 14 - October 20**

Tuesday: No Class -- Fall Break

Thursday: Bureaucratic Politics


Stephen Krasner, “Are Bureaucracies Important? (Or Allison in Wonderland)” Foreign Policy (Summer 1972): 159-79. (Moodle)

- Fall Break ends at 8:00 a.m. on October 17

**October 21 - October 27**

Midterm Due: Monday, October 22, 9 a.m. Turn in on Moodle

**IV: ACTORS AND ISSUES**

Tuesday: Foreign Policy Actors: The State Department, National Security Adviser, Homeland Security, and the Intelligence Community

Readings: Charles Parker and Eric Stern “Bolt from Blue or Avoidable Failure?” Foreign Policy
Analysis November 2005 (Moodle)

Ivo H. Daalder and I.M. Destler, “How National Security Advisers See Their Role” (Moodle)

Light, “The Homeland Security Hash” (Hastedt reader #23)

Kerbel, “Lost for Words” (Hastedt reader #25)

Atwood, McPherson, Natsios, “Arrested Development,” (Hastedt reader #26)

Luce & Dombey, “US Foreign Policy: Waiting on a Sun King,” Financial Times (Moodle)

Lois Romano, “Hillaryland Goes State” Washington Post, March 11, 2010 (Moodle)

Thursday: Foreign Policy Actors: The Military

Readings: Kohn, “Coming Soon” (Hastedt reader #24)


October 28 - November 3

Tuesday: Economics – American Ideas and Foreign Economic Policy Making


Mead, “America’s Sticky Power” (Hastedt reader #31)

Leverett & Noel, “The New Axis of Oil,” (Hastedt reader #32)

Thursday: Economics – The Financial Crisis, Government Debt, and Foreign Policy


Stephen M. Walt, “Indispensable or Insolvent” at
Roubini, “The Coming Financial Pandemic” (Hastedt reader #33)

**November 4 - November 10**

**V. THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY**

**TUESDAY: Goals and Interests**

Brzezinski, “From Hope to Audacity” (Hastedt reader #1)

Gelb, “The World Still Needs a Leader,” (Hastedt reader #2)

Dueck, “Hegemony on the Cheap” (Hastedt reader #3)

Wallerstein, “The Eagle Has Crash Landed” (Hastedt reader #4)

Kurth, “Pillars of the Next American Century,” (Hastedt #5)

**Thursday: American Grand Strategy**


Kupchan and Trubowitz, “Grand Strategy for a Divided America,” (Hastedt reader #6)

Kupchan, “Enemies Into Friends” (Hastedt reader #7)

Lieven and Hulsman, “Neo-Conservatives, Liberal Hawks, and the War on Terror,” (Hastedt reader #29)

Michael Gerson, "In Search of the Obama Doctrine," Washington Post March 31, 2011 (Moodle)


**November 11 - November 17**

**Tuesday: Security Threats in a Changing World**


Ramberg, “Preemption Paradox” (Hastedt reader #37)

Metz, “New Challenges and Old Concepts” (Hastedt reader #38)

Allison, “Nuclear Disorder” (Hastedt reader #39)

Ikle, “Nuclear Abolition” (Hastedt reader #40)
Lindley & Clemency “Low-Cost Nuclear Arms Races,” (Hastedt reader #41)

**Thursday Defense Policy**


2012 Defense Strategic Guidance (Moodle)

Arquilla “The New Rules of War,” (Hastedt reader #35)

Hitchens, “Space Wars,” (Hastedt reader #36)

McFate, “U.S. Africa Command” (Hastedt reader #16)

Clark & Levin, “Securing the Information Highway,” (Hastedt reader, #30)

**November 18 - November 24**

**Tuesday: Great Power Relations**

Readings: Fedorov, “Will Moscow Help with Trouble Spots?” (Hastedt reader #8)

Goldman, “Russia and the West,” (Hastedt reader #9)

Pollack, “Emerging Strategic Dilemmas in U.S.- Chinese Relations,” (Hastedt reader #10)

Layne, “China’s Challenge to U.S. Hegemony” (Hastedt reader #11)


**Thursday: No Class -- Thanksgiving Break**

- Thanksgiving recess begins at the end of classes on November 20

**November 25 - December 1**

**Tuesday: Case Discussion: Global Economics**

Reading: Thomas D. Lairson, “The Global Financial Crisis: Governments, Banks, and Markets” (Moodle)

**Thursday: Iraq and Afghanistan**

Woodward, Obama’s Wars, selections (Moodle)

Kagan, “How We’ll Know When We’ve Won” (Hastedt reader #43)
Biddle, “Is it Worth It?” (Hastedt reader #44)
Daxner, “Afghanistan: Graveyard of Good Intent” (Hastedt reader #445)
Rid, “Cracks in the Jihad,” (Hastedt reader #46)
Edelstein, “Exit Lessons,” (Hastedt reader #47)

• Thanksgiving recess ends at 8:00 a.m. on November 26

December 2 - December 8

Tuesday: A World of Snakes: Additional Foreign Policy Challenges

Readings: DNI Threat Assessment, 2010 (Moodle)
Shen, “Can Sanctions Stop Proliferation?” (Hastedt reader #34)
Sigal, “Let’s Make a Deal” (Hastedt reader #12)
Erikson, “Requiem for the Monroe Doctrine” (Hastedt reader #13)
Gerecht, “Mirror Imaging the Mullahs” (Hastedt reader #14)
Lindsay & Takeyh, “After Iran Gets the Bomb,” (Hastedt reader #15)
Etzioni, “Bottom-Up Nation Building” (Hastedt reader #17)
Munson, “Lifting the Veil” (Hastedt reader #42)

VI. CONCLUSIONS

Thursday: Why does the U.S. Do What It Does?

Final due at the end of the final exam window for this course’s date and time. See Registrar Schedule.

• Undergraduate and graduate classes end on December 7