COURSE CONTENT

Course Coordinator: Nilay Saiya

Course Code / Title: HA2026 American Foreign Policy

Pre-requisites: None

No. of AUs.: 3

Contact Hours: 39

Course Aims

This course is designed to help develop your capacity both to explain the foreign policy-making process in the United States, and to better understand the underlying patterns, logic, and implications of American foreign policy in the world at large. Anyone interested in international relations, American history and politics and policy processes would benefit from this class. If you are considering a career in diplomacy or the military, this course will serve as a practicum to help you prepare for your future.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Explain the historical development of American Foreign Policy.
2. Apply theories of foreign policy to real-world cases.
3. Use the lessons of history to critically consider contemporary challenges in American foreign policy.
4. Distinguish causes of action affecting agents involved in foreign policy.
5. Critique changes to U.S. foreign policy and responsible agencies.
6. Develop techniques to work in flexible, team-based environments.

Course Content

1. Overview and essentials
2. Evolution
3. Policy processes
4. Policy instruments
5. Global context
6. Isolationism
7. Exceptionalism
8. Congress
9. Courts
10. Presidency
11. Cold War
12. CNN effect
13. Lobbies
14. Economic statecraft
15. Military instruments
16. Liberal world order
17. American hegemony
18. Future of American foreign policy

**Course Assessment**

CA1 : 20%
CA2 : 60%
CA3 : 20%
**Total** : 100%

**Reading and References**

**Textbooks**


**Course Instructor**

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### Planned Weekly Schedule

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<td>Introduction</td>
<td>1,2,3</td>
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| 2    | American Foreign Policy in the 18\(^{th}/19^{th}\) Centuries | 1,2,3,6  | • Selections from Bernell (2008)  
                                      |          | • Policy Debate #1                           |
|      |                                                   |           | • Simulation #1                               |
| 3    | American Foreign Policy in the 20\(^{th}\) Century, Part 1 | 1,2,3,6  | • Selections from Bernell (2008)  
                                      |          | • Policy Debate #2                           |
                                      |          | • Simulation #2                               |
| 4    | American Foreign Policy in the 20\(^{th}\) Century, Part 2 | 1,2,3,6  | • Selections from Bernell (2008)  
                                      |          | • Policy Debate #3                           |
                                      |          | • Simulation #3                               |
| 5    | Policy Models and Sources                          | 2,4,6     | • Selections from Bernell (2008)  
                                      |          | • Policy Debate #4                           |
                                      |          | • Simulation #4                               |
| 6    | Congress and the Presidency                        | 2,4,6     | • Selections from Bernell (2008)  
                                      |          | • Policy Debate #5                           |
                                      |          | • Simulation #5                               |
| 7    | Test 1/Paper Consultations                         | 1,2,3,4, 5| • Test 1                                      |
                                      |          | • Paper Consultations                         |
| 8    | Economic Instruments                               | 4,5,6     | • Selections from Carter (2014)               |
                                      |          | • Policy Debate #6                            |
                                      |          | • Simulation #6                               |
| 9    | Military Instruments                               | 4,5,6     | • Selections from Carter (2014)               |
                                      |          | • Policy Debate #7                            |
                                      |          | • Simulation #7                               |
| 10  | Evolution of International System | 3,5,6 | • Selections from Carter (2014)
  • Policy Debate #8
  • Simulation #8 |
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| 11  | American Hegemony | 3,5,6 | • Selections from Carter (2014)
  • Policy Debate #9
  • Simulation #9 |
| 12  | Future of American Foreign Policy | 3,5,6 | • Selections from Carter (2014)
  • Policy Debate #10
  • Simulation #10 |
| 13  | Test 2/Paper Presentations | 1,2,3,4,5 | • Test 2
  • Paper Presentations |