INTRODUCTION

This course is an introduction to the basic concepts, theoretical debates, and issues in the US Foreign Policy. In the first part of the course, after a brief evaluation of some of the competing theoretical approaches to the study of foreign policy, we will use the perspectives of the ‘levels of analysis’ approach to examine different sources of US foreign policy. This approach will help us recognize that sources of foreign policy are multifaceted and complex, including the international system itself, the character of the state and social structures and the individual decision-makers involved. In the second part of the course, we will look at the specific institutions and actors involved in the making of US foreign policy and the interactions among them. The third part of the course involves a historical overview of US foreign policy from World War II to our day. In the final section, we will examine US foreign policy toward some of the key regions in the world such as Europe, East Asia, Middle East and Latin America.

REQUIREMENTS:

Students are required to attend each class and do the assigned readings prior to the class. Students are responsible for all readings on the syllabus, regardless of whether or not it is covered in the class. There may be changes to the syllabus during the semester and students are responsible for these changes. This course is a combination of lecture and discussion so students are highly encouraged to ask questions and participate in the discussions during the times allocated for class discussion. **Attendance and participation will be worth 15% of your overall grade.**

Students will also be given a mid-term and a final exam. These exams will be in-class, composed of identifications and essays. **The mid-term is worth 35% and the final exam is worth 50% of your final grade.** The exams will cover both the reading material and the lectures.

**REQUIRED READINGS**

**Textbooks:**

Two textbooks are assigned for this class:

**POLITICS OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY**, Jerel Rosati, 3rd ed, Thomson Learning, 2004

**AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY SINCE WORLD WAR II**, Steven Hook and John Spanier, 16th ed, CQ Press, 2004

**Online Articles:**

Please note that all the additional reading for the class is available online. Please follow the links on the syllabus to read the articles online. For easier access to the links, an online version of this syllabus will be available at the NYU Politics website.

If the link in the syllabus is unavailable, look up the article by the full citation listed on the syllabus using the databases available through NYU Library. Most articles are available through JSTOR or Ingenta. If you have difficulty locating an article, go to Bobst webpage ([http://library.nyu.edu/](http://library.nyu.edu/)), chose articles via databases; in databases by title, find Article First; connect, and search for the article by title or author name. Once you find the article, choose NYU libraries at external resources, and the pop-up window will show you all the available sources for the full text.

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Students can gain access to NYU research engines through NYU Home. Log in to your account and follow the “research” links. If NYU Home is down, you can still access the library information sources from a computer system attached to NYU’s network, through the library web page ([http://library.nyu.edu/](http://library.nyu.edu/))

If you would like to access NYU libraries and some of the online journals from a remote area (like home), you will need to configure your internet browser to permit full access from an external connection using NYU’s proxy server. See attachment below for detailed instructions on how to do this. It is easy. If you need assistance, contact ITS by phone at (212) 998-3333 or by email at [its.clientservices@nyu.edu](mailto:its.clientservices@nyu.edu)

Go to: [http://www.nyu.edu/its/faq/connecting/proxy.html](http://www.nyu.edu/its/faq/connecting/proxy.html)
US FOREIGN POLICY COURSE SCHEDULE

September 7: Introduction

I) Theoretical Dimensions

I) Various Theoretical Approaches

September 12: Overabundance of theory?

International Relations: One World, Many Theories
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0015-7228%28199821%290%3A110%3C29%3AIROWMT%3E2.0.CO%3B2-3

Ole R. Holsti; http://www.duke.edu/~pfeaver/holsti.pdf

The Paradigm Debate in International Relations and Its Implications for Foreign Policy Making: Toward a Redefinition of the "National Interest"
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0043-4078%28197803%2931%3C48%3ATPDIIR%3E2.0.CO%3B2-4

September 14: Realism, neoliberalism, or else?

Realism, Neoliberalism, and Cooperation: Understanding the Debate
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162-2889%28199922%2924%3A1%3C42%3ARNACUT%3E2.0.CO%3B2-6

Anarchy is what States Make of it: The Social Construction of Power Politics
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0020-8183%28199221%2946%3A2%3C391%3AAIWSMO%3E2.0.CO%3B2-9

New Approaches to International Theory
http://pluto.fss.buffalo.edu/classes/psc/fczagare/PSC%20504/Smith.pdf
2) Different Levels of Analysis in the study of US FP

September 19: Int’l Sources of FP

The Level-of-Analysis Problem in International Relations
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0043-8871%28196110%2914%3A1%3C77%3ATLPIIR%3E2.0.CO%3B2-T

The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0022-1953%28198821%2918%3A4%3C615%3ATOOWIN%3E2.0.CO%3B2-X

Toward a Realist Theory of State Action
Michael Mastanduno; David A. Lake; G. John Ikenberry
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0020-8833%28198912%2933%3A4%3C457%3ATARTOS%3E2.0.CO%3B2-Y

Domestic Sources

September 21: National Values, Ideology and Culture

Jerel Rosati; pp. 361-396

American Ideals versus American Institutions
Samuel P. Huntington, *Political Science Quarterly* > Vol. 97, No. 1 (Spring, 1982), pp. 1-37
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0032-3195%28198221%2997%3A1%3C1%3AAIVAI%3E2.0.CO%3B2-V

September 26: Public Opinion and the Media

Rosati, pp.481-528

Embedding the Truth:
Aday, Sean; Livingston, Steven; Hebert, Maeve; Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics 10, no. 1 (2005): 3-21
http://ft.csa.com/ids70/resolver.php?sessid=caccc8ed9e60a7a56483f8ce333407e4&serve r=oh1.csa.com&check=0e4c6e799c41e6f8b1327ec8519418b0&db=sagecom-set-c&an=10.1177%2F1081180X05275727&mode=pdf&fl=1081-180X%2C10%2C1%2C3%2C2005
Pretexts and US foreign policy: the war on terrorism in historical perspective
David Gibbs; New Political Science 26, no. 3 (2004): 293-321
http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/routledg/cnps/2004/00000026/00000003/art0003?token=005a1bade82d7e875332b254362544f6d4e227a677e442f20675d3e763f252e4
97946537344ab0a78b1151c9

September 28: Bureaucracy
Rosati, 265-290

Conceptual Models and the Cuban Missile Crisis
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0003-0554%28196909%2963%3A3%3C689%3ACMATCM%3E2.0.CO%3B2-%23

Are Bureaucracies Important? (Or Allison Wonderland)
Stephen D. Krasner; Foreign Policy, No. 7 (Summer, 1972), pp. 159-179.
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0015-7228%28197222%290%3A7%3C159%3AABI%28AW%3E2.0.CO%3B2-4

October 3: The personality of the leader

The Individual in International Politics: Solving the Level-of-Analysis Problem
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0032-3497%28197424%297%3A2%3C264%3ATIIIPS%3E2.0.CO%3B2-1

The Structure of Foreign Policy Attitudes among American Leaders
Ole R. Holsti; James N. Rosenau; The Journal of Politics, Vol. 52, No. 1 (Feb., 1990), pp. 94-125
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0022-3816%28199002%29952%3A1%3C94%3ATSOFPA%3E2.0.CO%3B2-K

Presidential Operational Codes and Foreign Policy Conflicts in the Post-Cold War World
Stephen G. Walker; Mark Schaefer; Michael D. Young; The Journal of Conflict Resolution, Vol. 43, No. 5 (Oct., 1999), pp. 610-625
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0022-0027%28199910%29943%3A5%3C610%3APOCAFP%3E2.0.CO%3B2-I

Individual Differences in "Definition of the Situation."
Ole R. Holsti; The Journal of Conflict Resolution, Vol. 14, No. 3 (Sep., 1970), pp. 303-310
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0022-0027%28197009%2914%3A3%3C303%3AIDI%22OT%3E2.0.CO%3B2-6
II) U.S. Foreign Policy

October 5: *The American approach to foreign policy*
Rosati; pp.1-28
Hook&Spannier 1-23

The Past as Prologue?: Interests, Identity, and American Foreign Policy
John Gerard Ruggie
http://links.jstor.org/sici? sici=0162-2889%28199721%2921%3A4%3C89%3ATPAPII%3E2.0.CO%3B2-P

October 10: NO CLASS

*Actors, institutions and processes*

October 12: *The President*
Rosati, 65-97

The President's Dominance in Foreign Policy Making
http://links.jstor.org/sici? sici=0032-3195%28199422%29109%3A2%3C215%3ATPDIFP%3E2.0.CO%3B2-Q

October 17: *The executive and the bureaucracy*
Rosati 100-156

October 19: *Congress*
Rosati 292-333

Congress and Foreign Policy: Why the Hill Matters
James M. Lindsay
http://links.jstor.org/sici? sici=0047-1607%28199624%2F21%2924%3A1%3C5%3ACATFOU%3E2.0.CO%3B2-0

October 24: MIDTERM

*The Historical Overview of US Foreign Policy*

October 26: *World War II to Cold War*
Hook&Spanier 24-80
October 31: *Containment*
Hook&Spanier, 81-137

November 2: *Super Power Détente*
Hook&Spanier, 138-213

November 7: *The End of Cold War*
Hook&Spanier, 214-267

Who Won the Cold War?
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0015-7228%28199222%290%3C123%3AWWTCW%3E2.0.CO%3B2-9

Why We Will Soon Miss the Cold War

November 9: *The post-Cold War world*
Hook&Spanier, 268-323

Competing Visions for U.S. Grand Strategy
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162-2889%28199624%2F199724%2921%3A3%5C5%3ACFUGS%3E2.0.CO%3B2-G

September 11 and Beyond

November 14: *What happened and why?*
Hook&Spanier, 324-350

9/11 Commission Final Report, Executive Summary

In the Wake of September 11: The Clash of What?
http://www.historycooperative.org/journals/jah/89.2/hunt.html

November 16: *The effects of 9/11 on U.S. Foreign Policy*

The National Security Strategy United States of America 2002
http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nss.pdf
Beyond bin Laden: Reshaping U.S. Foreign Policy
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One Year On: A September 11 Anniversary Symposium
A distinguished and diversely-minded group of commentators offer their views on the
http://vnweb.hwwilsonweb.com/hww/jumpstart.jhtml?recid=0bc05f7a67b1790ef06938c5cc103c1eed9dd8070a8bc5e9411112cc12cf741fe0eb5c2287a1d57&fmt=P

November 21: The Bush Doctrine and the War on Terror
The Bush Revolution: The Remaking of America’s
Foreign Policy
Ivo Daalder and James Lindsay; The Brookings Institution, May 2003

Understanding the Bush Doctrine
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November 23: Movie: The War Behind Closed Doors

U.S. Foreign Policy: Regional Perspectives

November 28: Europe and Russia
France, Britain and the Euro-Atlantic Crisis
December 5: Middle East
The Unfolding US Policy in the Middle East
Eric Watkins
*International Affairs* (Royal Institute of International Affairs 1944-), Vol. 73, No. 1 (Jan., 1997), pp. 1-14
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Bush's Middle East Vision
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Saudi Arabia and the United States, 1931-2002
Josh Pollack, *Middle East Review of International Affairs*, Vol. 6 No. 3 (September 2002)

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December 12: The future of U.S. Foreign Policy
America's Imperial Ambition
G. John Ikenberry, Foreign Affairs v. 81 no. 5 (September/October 2002) p. 44-60
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December 14: Wrap-up and review

December 21: FINAL EXAM