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College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Political Science, International Affairs, and Public Administration

PSCI 4330 American Foreign Policy

Required Texts: Howard Jones. 1.) *Crucible of Power: A History of American Foreign Relations from 1897*. Second Edition, Rowan and Littlefield.

D2L: 1) Margaret Macmillan. *Nixon and Mao: The Week That Changed the World*. Random House, 2007.

2) John Lewis Gaddis. *The Cold War: A New History*. Penguin Group, 2005.

3) Irwin Gellman. *Secret Affairs: Franklin Roosevelt, Cordell Hull, and Sumner Welles*. The Johns Hopkins Press, 1995.

Course Objectives: Political Science 4330 analyzes the formation and conduct of foreign policy in the United States. The purpose of this course is to enhance your understanding of the American Foreign Policy to make you a well-informed and articulate critic of these policies. It will be intended to develop your problem solving and analytical skills, improve your capacity to think independently, and increase your knowledge about critical foreign policy questions and issues. Political Science 4330 looks at the evolution of American Foreign Policy over the last century beginning with the Spanish-American War and continuing to the present. This course is both historical and topical. You should also follow current events that relate to the foreign policy of the United States. There are several media sources that cover these types of issues. The *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* are among the best of these.

Course Requirements:

After the first three weeks of the semester in which the instructor will be lecturing the number of factors that relate to American foreign policy. After that, we will proceed into the Howard Jones textbook, which begins with the presidency of William McKinley and continues to the present day President Trump. 30% of your grade will be based upon a research paper on an issue related to American foreign policy during the past hundred-plus years. This paper will be due on the last class day of the semester. It will be at least ten pages in length, with a minimum of 10 references. It would help if you had a specific topic by the end of the first three weeks. It has to be approved by me. You cannot use Wikipedia as a source. I will give you more specific directions on the paper later in the semester. The final 60% of your grade will be based on two examinations. The exams will be toward the middle and end of the course. No makeups will be given on the exams. The final 10% of your grade will be based upon meaningful class discussion. The number and length of discussions will continue throughout the semester, depending on time constraints.

Grading Scheme:

94-100 = A	90-93 = A-	
88-89 = B+	84-87 = B	80-83 = B-
78-79 = C+	74-77 = C	70-73 = C-
68-69 = D+	60-67 = D	0-59 = F

OFFICIAL SYLLABUS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE COURSE

Class Schedule: This is a tentative schedule. It certainly could change depending upon weather conditions. I will also include a few articles/chapters from other sources along the way that you can get off of the internet or will be posted on D2L. I have a number of excellent videos related to this course. These will be shown throughout the semester. What is shown on these videos will be included in your exams.

Weeks 1-3- Introduction and background of American foreign policy. Videos on Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. Chapters 1-4 from Jones.

Week 4- Chapter 5 from Jones

Week 5- Chapter 6 from Jones

Week 6- Chapter 7 from Jones, Chapters 7 and 8 from Gellman.

Week 7- Chapter 8 from Jones, Exam #1

Week 8- Chapter 9 from Jones, Chapters 1 and 2 from Gaddis

Week 9- Chapter 10 from Jones and. "The Sources of Soviet Conduct," by X (George Kennan) article from *Foreign Affairs*, July 1947.

Weeks 10-11- Chapter 11 and 12 from Jones

Week 12- Chapter 13-14 from Jones; "Introduction" and "Conclusion" from *Nixon and Mao. The Week That Changed the World*, Macmillan.

Week 13- Chapters 15-16 from Jones; "Commencement Speech at Notre Dame," by Jimmy Carter, July 1977. "Blame America First," speech at the RNC from Jeanne Kirkpatrick, August 1984.

Week 14- Chapter 17-18 from Jones; "Axis of Evil" speech from George W. Bush, January 2002. Paper due on the last class from the final exam.

Week 15- Final Exam.