

Course Syllabus: PSCI 3163

American Foreign Policy

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title: US Foreign Policy

Course Prefix/Number: PSCI 3163

Credits: 3

Semester/Year: Fall 2023

Meeting Days/Time and Location: Tues/Thurs, 2:00 - 3:15pm, University Club 4

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Required Course Materials

James Scott & Jerel Rosati. *The Politics of United States Foreign Policy*. 7th Edition. 2021. Sage. ISBN: 9781544374550

Joyce Kaufman. *A Concise History of US Foreign Policy*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 5th edition. 2021.

All other readings are available on Canvas or offer free access on the internet (journal articles, book chapters, web links to various articles)

Additional readings may be assigned occasionally throughout the semester, such as news reports,

Late or Missed Exam Policy

Exams will be based on any material covered during class and in the readings. Makeup opportunities are available with prior faculty approval. Without said approval, students may NOT make up exams.

Quizzes

Quizzes are given at the start of class on the day indicated in the course calendar. There are no makeup quizzes except for highly -extenuating circumstances that make it impossible for you to attend

CALENDAR /ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNED READINGS	ASSIGNMENT/ QUIZ/ EXAM
8/29	Course Overview & Syllabus	Read: Syllabus	
8/31	Introduction to Foreign Policymaking & US Foreign Policy	Read: Chapter 1, <i>The Politics of United States Foreign Policy</i> , James Scott and Jerel Rosati. Read: Chapter 2, <i>The Politics of United States Foreign Policy</i> , James Scott and Jerel Rosati.	
9/5	A Concise History of US Foreign Policy	Read: Joyce Kaufman. Chapter 2: “ Unilateralism to Engagement: 1777 -1920, ” in <i>A Concise History of US Foreign Policy</i> . 5 th edition. 2021. Joyce Kaufman. Chapter 3: “ From Isolationism to Superpower : 1920 -1945 ,” in <i>A Concise History of US Foreign Policy</i> . 5 th edition. 2021.	
9/7	A Concise History of US Foreign Policy Cold War Era	Read: Joyce Kaufman. Chapter 4: “ The Cold War: 1945 - 1968 .” in <i>A Concise History of US Foreign Policy</i> . 5 th edition. 2021. Joyce Kaufman. Chapter 5: “ The Cold War 1969 -1989 ,” in <i>A Concise History of US Foreign Policy</i> . 5 th edition. 2021.	

10/ 10	Bureaucratic Politics Model Bureaucracy in US Foreign Policymaking Department of State	Read: Chapter 4. "Understanding the Foreign Policy Bureaucracy: The Department of State," in <i>The Politics of United States Foreign Policy</i> , James Scott and Jerel Rosati	
10/ 12	Bureaucracy in US Foreign Policymaking : Department of Defense	Read: Chapter 5. "Understanding the Foreign Policy Bureaucracy: The Department of Defense," in <i>The Politics of United States Foreign Policy</i> , James Scott and Jerel Rosati	Quiz 3 at start of class
10/1 7	Intelligence Community	Read: Chapter 6. "Understanding the Foreign Policy Bureaucracy: The Intelligence Community," in <i>The Politics of United States Foreign Policy</i> , James Scott and Jerel Rosati	
10/1 9	Bureaucracy in US Foreign Policymaking Natl. Security Council System	Read: Chapter 7. "Understanding the Foreign Policy Bureaucracy: National Security Council," in <i>The Politics of United States Foreign Policy</i> , James Scott and Jerel Rosati.	

10/ 24	Natl. Economic Council National Economic Council	Read: Chapter 8. "Understanding the Foreign Policy Bureaucracy: National Economic Council," in <i>The Politics of United States Foreign Policy</i> , James Scott and Jerel Rosati.	
10/26	Public Opinion & Foreign Policy Interest Groups	Chapter 11. "The Public and Foreign Policy," in <i>The Politics of United States Foreign Policy</i> , James Scott and Jerel Rosati John Dietrich. "Interest Groups and Foreign Policy: Clinton and the China Most Favored Nation Debates," in <i>Presidential Studies Quarterly</i> . Vol. 29, No. 2 (1999)	
10/31	The Media and Foreign Policy	Chapter 13. "The Media and Foreign Policy," in <i>The Politics of United States Foreign Policy</i> , James Scott and Jerel Rosati	

