

## **SYLLABUS: AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY-FALL 2004 (INR 3102-002)**

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Class Hours:  
Tuesday and Thursday  
09:30-10:50 AM  
  
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Tues. & Thurs (12:20 PM)

Course Purpose: The purpose of this course is to enable the student to understand and explain the fundamental factors, actors and issues which have determined or significantly influenced modern U.S. foreign policy. After an appropriate introduction and using a case study approach, the course will treat selected aspects of U.S. foreign policy since 1939 (World War II) to enable the student to make critical comparative evaluations of the policies in play in the context of the Cold and Post-Cold War periods and the challenges of the 21st century. The student will analyze how U.S. foreign policy behavior has been shaped by the values and beliefs of the various actors and governmental agencies and offices involved. In addition, the student will be able to compare and contrast presidential foreign policy decision-making styles.

### Required books for the course:

Stephan E. Ambrose and Douglas G. Brinkley: Rise to Globalism, Eighth Edition; and  
Joseph S. Nye: The Paradox of American Power

Note: Books are available in the F.A.U. bookstore.

### Course Requirements:

1. Class participation and mandatory attendance (10 percent of grade). Students are expected to attend all classes. The class will do a core of common readings in accordance with this syllabus. Each student is expected to complete all reading assignments prior to class meetings. Lectures will not duplicate readings, although the professor may highlight salient points of interest. Class participation in discussions is strongly encouraged and will be noted. See also item 5 below on conduct.

2. Mid-Term Examination (30 percent of grade) will be given 12 October. The exam will be based on both lecture and reading material and will consist of essay and short answer questions. PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A NO MAKE-UP POLICY ON THE EXAM. EXCEPTIONS TO THE POLICY MUST BE ARRANGED WITH THE INSTRUCTOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.

3. Book report (20 percent of grade). One analytical book report on *The Paradox of American Power* of five to six pages in length, double-spaced and typed in English will be required. Students will note, discuss and analyze the basic themes/lessons learned presented by the book's author. Book report is due in to Professor Menzel on 18 November. See also book report requirements handout.

4. Final Examination (40 percent of grade) will take place 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Details to be announced in class.

Note: Final grade calculation is based on the 1,000 point system.

5. Conduct:

A. Class will begin promptly at the scheduled time.

B. Each student is expected to do their own work.

Weekly Lecture Outline:

1. Administration and Conduct of the Course (24 August)

2. Introduction (26 August)

3. F.D. Roosevelt (31 August and 2 September)

Reading: Ambrose and Brinkley: Chapters 1-3.

4. Truman (7 and 9 September)

Reading: Ambrose and Brinkley: Chapters 4-7.

5. Eisenhower (14,16 and 21 September)

Reading: Ambrose and Brinkley: Chapters 8 and 9.

6. Kennedy (23 and 28 September)

Reading: Ambrose and Brinkley: Chapter 10.

7. Johnson and Foreign Policy Overview (30 September and 5 and 7 October)

Reading: Ambrose and Brinkley: Chapter 11.

8. **MID-TERM EXAMINATION - 12 October (Tuesday)**

9. Nixon (14 and 19 October)

Reading: Ambrose and Brinkley: Chapters 12 and 13.

10. Ford and Carter (21 and 26 October)

Reading: Ambrose and Brinkley: Chapter 14.

11. Reagan (28 October and 2 and 4 November)

Reading: Ambrose and Brinkley: Chapter 15

12. G.H.W. Bush (9, 16 and 18 November)

Reading: Ambrose and Brinkley: Chapters 16 and 17

Note: J.J.L. November (Tuesday) is Veteran's Day holiday - no class!

Note: Book report due m to Professor Menzel: 18 November

13. Clinton (23 November)

Reading: Ambrose and Brinkley: Chapter 18

Note also: 25 November is Thanksgiving holiday - no class!!

14. G.W. Bush (30 November - Tuesday)

15. Foreign Policy Overview/Reading Day (2 December - Thursday)

Reading: all notes and readings

**FINAL EXAMINATION is week of 3-9 December details TBA**