POLS 4351  
United States Foreign Policy

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Course Description
In this course students will learn about the key events that have shaped American foreign policy throughout its history and explore some of the contemporary challenges.

Learning Goals of the Course
In this course students will:
1. Develop knowledge of United States Foreign Policy  
2. Acquire the ability to critically assess policy challenges.  
3. Improve communication skills.  
4. Successfully gain the ability to formulate their own ideas and opinions in United States foreign policy based on the use of evidence.

Course Readings
Loch Johnson’s *American Foreign Policy and the Challenges of World Leadership*  
has been ordered at the university bookstore, any further readings will be posted on Blackboard.

Means of Assessment
1. Students are expected to come to class having completed the reading and prepared to discuss. Participation will count as 5% of the final grade. Students with more than three unexcused absences will have their grades negatively impacted.  
2. Student will write an in class writing assignment regarding the Foreign Policy Guest Speaker worth 10% of the final grade.  
3. Students will participate in a brief simulation and complete a short writing assignment. Simulation participation will be 15% of your grade and the writing assignment will be worth 5%. Information will be available on Blackboard.  
4. There will be three exams consisting of short answer questions conducted throughout the course. The exams will be worth 15% each for a total 45% of the final grade. A review sheet will be posted on Blackboard.  
5. There will be a final exam consisting of short answer questions given during the regular final exam period. The final will be worth 15% of the final grade. A review sheet will be available on Blackboard.  
6. Five geography quizzes will be given during the course and they will be worth 5% of the final grade.  
7. Makeup of In Class Work will only be given for documented medical reasons or official university activities.

GRADING SCALE
A - 90% B - 80% C - 70% D - 60% F - Less than 60%

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES
Every effort will be made to accommodate all forms of religious observance in compliance with ASU OP 10.19. Students who require additional arrangements to be made should make these known in good time in order that arrangements can be made.
SPECIAL NEEDS
In accordance with OP 10.15 of ASU’s Operating Policies and Procedures, persons with disabilities which may warrant academic accommodations must contact the Student Life Office, Room 112 University Center, in order to request such accommodations prior to any accommodations being implemented. You are encouraged to make this request early in the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

CLASS ETIQUETTE
Behavior consistent with basic rules of courtesy contributes to a productive classroom. To minimize distractions that occasionally disturb the class, refrain from bringing food into the classroom, turn off all cell phones or other electronic devices with audible signals that would disrupt classroom presentations or activities. Students should also avoid whispering or other disrespectful behavior. Laptops may be used for note taking only.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
Angelo State University Honor Code http://www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/Honor_Code.pdf: Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Therefore, you are responsible for understanding the Academic Honor Code. Click on the link to access the code.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COURSE
The last day to drop a course or to withdraw from the University will be April 2, 2018.

Schedule
1/16-Introduction
1/18- Situating United States Foreign Policy
    Johnson, Chapter 1
1/23-A Theoretical Framework for Foreign Policy
    Johnson, Chapter 2
**Geography Quiz #1: Europe**
1/25-Foreign Policy and the Constitution
    Johnson, Chapter 3
1/30- Beginnings of American Foreign Policy
    Johnson, Chapter 4
2/2-The Cold War
    Johnson, 133-165
2/6-Vietnam Documentary Shown in Class
2/8-The Unipolar Moment and New Challenges in Foreign Policy
    Johnson, 166-188
2/13 The War on Terror
    Johnson, 188-199
**Geography Quiz #2: Asia**
2/15-Obama and Trump Foreign Policy
2/20- Exam 1
2/22- Foreign Policy Guest Speaker
2/27-Guest Speaker Assignment In Class
3/1- Institutions and Foreign Policy
    Johnson, Chapter 7
3/6- Foreign Policy and Public Opinion
    Johnson, Chapter 8
3/8-The United States, Intelligence and Diplomacy
    Johnson, Chapters 9 and 10
**Geography Quiz #3: Africa**
3/13 Guest Speaker Julie Kavanagh
3/22- The United States and Military Force
    Johnson, Chapter 11
3/27-Exam 2
3/29-No class, I am at a conference
4/3- Guest Speaker Farhat Haq
4/5- Guest Speaker Jason Zafirian
    The United States and Covert Action
    Johnson, Chapter 12
4/10 Trade and Foreign Policy
    Johnson, 402-426
4/12 The United States and Foreign Aid
    Johnson, 426-437
**Geography Quiz #4 South America**
4/17 Moral Dilemmas and Human Rights
    Johnson 438-467
4/19 Contemporary Challenges
    Johnson, 468-497
**Geography Quiz #5: North America**
4/24 Exam 3
4/26 Simulation Day I
5/1 Simulation Day II
5/3 Simulation Day III
Simulation Assignment Due 5/3 at 11:59pm
5/10-8am Final