POLS 4391
Independent Study in 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. The first part of the course will explore the history of United States Foreign Policy, providing students with a base of knowledge. The second part of the course explores different influences on foreign policy and the varying facets that must be considered. The third part turns to contemporary and emerging issues. Foreign policy entails military, diplomatic, and economic interactions with other nations as well as interactions with international institutions and the international community. US Foreign Policy is not only about governance and conflict but is a strong statement of what a nation is and what it stands for. In this course we will explore these questions and began to gain some new insights.

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
Readings will be available on Blackboard.

Means of Assessment
1. Students will write six short papers. Papers can be e-mailed to mgritter@angelo.edu by 11:59pm on the date they are due.
2. Students will write 1 3 page policy memo during the semester. The policy memo will be addressed to either the President or the Secretary of State based on a scenario distributed by the instructor. The policy memo will be worth 20% of the final grade and will be submitted through Blackboard. Late policy memos will lose one letter grade for each day that they are late. Assignments can be e-mailed to mgritter@angelo.edu.
3. There will be a take home final exam consisting of essay questions distributed in advance. The final will be worth 20% of the final grade. It can be emailed to mgritter@angelo.edu
NEWS SOURCES
Students are not required to keep up with news but since our class will be directly impacted by current events it will help your understanding to follow news regularly. Some examples of newspapers with good coverage are www.nytimes.com (which limits you to ten articles per month), www.washpost.com, www.guardian.co.uk (which also shows how much attention American politics and policy get in some foreign countries), www.cnn.com, www.msnbc.com and www.foxnews.com.

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

General Policies related to this course:
All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:
Angelo State University Student Handbook
Angelo State University Catalog

Student Disability Services:
ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.

Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website at www.angelo.edu/ADA. The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is: Ms. Dallas Swafford

Director of Student Disability Services 325-942-2047dallas.swafford@angelo.edu Houston Harte University Center 112

Title IX
Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.

You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Boone, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

Online: www.angelo.edu/incident-form

Face to Face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210

Phone: 325-942-2022

Email: michelle.boone@angelo.edu

Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171).

For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State’s policy please visit: www.angelo.edu/title-ix.

**Religious Holidays:**

A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 Student Absence for **Observance of Religious Holy Day** for more information. It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 **Grading Procedures** for more information.
Student Conduct Policies:

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject to disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

The College of Science and Engineering adheres to the Statement of Academic Integrity.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a serious topic covered in ASU’s Academic Integrity policy in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else’s work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one’s own. Plagiarism is literary theft.

In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word-for-word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list.

Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality via Turnitin. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the ASU Writing Center.

Copyright Policy

Students officially enrolled in this course should make only one printed copy of the given articles and/or chapters. You are expressly prohibited from distributing or reproducing any portion of course readings in printed or electronic form without written permission from the copyright holders or publishers.

Course Syllabus Statement on Required Use of Masks/Facial Coverings by Students in Class At Angelo State University

As a member of the Texas Tech University System, Angelo State University has adopted the
mandatory Facial Covering Policy to ensure a safe and healthy classroom experience. Current research on the COVID-19 virus suggests there is a significant reduction in the potential for transmission of the virus from person to person by wearing a mask/facial covering that covers the nose and mouth areas. Therefore, in compliance with the university policy students in this class are required to wear a mask/facial covering before, during, and after class. Faculty members may also ask you to display your daily screening badge as a prerequisite to enter the classroom. You are also asked to maintain safe distancing practices to the best of your ability. For the safety of everyone, any student not appropriately wearing a mask/facial covering will be asked to leave the classroom immediately. The student will be responsible to make up any missed class content or work. Continued non-compliance with the Texas Tech University System Policy may result in disciplinary action through the Office of Student Conduct.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COURSE
The last day to drop a course or to withdraw from the University will be November 10, 2020.

COURSE SCHEDULE
Situating United States Foreign Policy
Reading Available on Blackboard
**Paper 1 Due 8/28**
History of American Foreign Policy
Review the PowerPoint Available on Blackboard
**Paper 2 Due 9/11**
Institutions and Foreign Policy
Review Reading and the PowerPoint Available on Blackboard
**Paper 3 Due 9/25**
Foreign Policy and Public Opinion
Review the PowerPoint Available on Blackboard
**Paper 4 Due 10/9**
Diplomacy and Intelligence
Review the Reading and the PowerPoint Available on Blackboard
**Paper 5 Due 10/23**
Military Force and Covert Action
Review the PowerPoint Available on Blackboard
**Paper 6 Due 11/6**
Economics and Contemporary Issues in Foreign Policy
Review the Reading and the PowerPoint Available on Blackboard
**Policy Memo Due 11/15**
**Final Exam Due 11/24**