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### PSC 335.01: Foreign Policy

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Political Science 335  
American Foreign Policy

Summer, 2004  
Office: LA 349

Office Hours: 10:40-12:00

Textbook:

John Spanier and Steven Hook, American Foreign Policy  
Since World War II (16th edition)

Course Objectives:

This course tells the ``story'' of American foreign policy. It is not a history but an assessment of American foreign policy since the end of World War II along three dimensions. The first dimension is the identification and description of the problems facing the US during the period and the policy options available to address them. The second dimension is a description of the policies that were actually implemented. The third dimension is an evaluation of the effectiveness of these policies.

Assessment:

Familiarity with the facts and details of American foreign policy since World War II will be assessed by means of four quizzes each consisting of ten identification-type questions. These quizzes will be on Fridays: July 9, July 16, July 23, and July 30. These exams will be OBJECTIVE in that they will consist ONLY of identification questions (names, dates, events, policies and the like). These questions can be answered in one or two paragraphs. USE BLUEBOOKS ONLY

Assessment of current American foreign policy will be accomplished through an essay on a topic to be assigned later. This is not a research paper but a statement of informed opinion. As such the essay should be supported with evidence. This essay should be approximately five pages or 1250 words.

Grades: Quizzes (15% each) = 60%

Essay = 20%

Discussion = 20%

For purposes of the pass/no pass option, a grade of C or better is required for a pass.

NOTE: Attendance is mandatory. Three absences will be permitted. Each absence beyond three will result in a 1% grade reduction.

The course will be organized according to the following topic sequence. Please follow the reading assignments as indicated since class time will be devoted primarily to discussion rather than lecture:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>
The US Approach to Foreign Policy	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 1
US Policy Before WW II	
The World After World War II	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 2
FIRST QUIZ	JULY 9
The Containment Doctrine	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 3
The US and the Third World	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 4
Perception of the US	
SECOND QUIZ	JULY 16
Vietnam	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 5
Détente	Sapnier/Hook, Ch. 6
Cold War II	
THIRD QUIZ	JULY 23
Post Cold War	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 9
New World Order	Spanier/Hook, Ch.10-11
Globalization	Spanier/Hook, Ch.12-13
American Imperium?	
FOURTH QUIZ	July 30