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Political Science 335
American Foreign Policy

Summer, 2003
Office: LA 349
Office Hours: 8:30-9:30

Textbook:

John Spanier and Steven Hook, American Foreign Policy Since World War II (15th edition)

Richard Crockatt, America Embattled

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 responses to them. The second dimension is a description of the policies that address these problems. 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 11, July 18, July 25, and August 1. 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	Crockatt, Ch. 1
The World After World War II	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 2
FIRST QUIZ	JULY 11
The Containment Doctrine	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 3
The US and the Third World	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 4
Perception of the US	Crockatt, Ch. 2
SECOND QUIZ	JULY 18
Vietnam	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 5
Détente	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 6
Cold War II	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 7-8
THIRD QUIZ	JULY 25
Post Cold War	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 9
New World Order	Spanier/Hook, Ch.10-11 Crockatt, Ch. 3
Globalization	Spanier/Hook, Ch.12-13 Crockatt, Ch. 4
American Imperium?	Crockatt, Ch. 5
FOURTH QUIZ	August 1