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UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA  
Department of Political Science

Political Science 335E  
American Foreign Policy  
Spring Semester, 1995

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Hrs:

Political Science 335E will be taught as an experimental undergraduate seminar. In addition to a substantive examination of American foreign policy, the seminar will stress research and writing skills. Seminar sessions will be conducted on a discussion basis under the direction of the instructor, whose role will be to guide discussion. A seminar situation presupposes mature students who are willing to work on their own, come to grips with ideas on their own, and then examine these ideas collectively with seminar colleagues. Individual students bear a large share of the burden for the collective success of a seminar. Textbooks:

- John Spanier, American Foreign Policy Since World War II (12th Ed.)
- Kate L. Turabian, A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations (5th ed.)

Discussion will revolve around the following:

- 1) assigned readings from the texts
- 2) oral and written assignments based on outside readings and research
- 3) collective critique, defense & evaluation of ideas suggested by the readings and research
- 4) writing problems encountered in preparing class assignments

Evaluation of seminar performance will be based upon:

- 1) attendance and active class participation
- 2) one paraphrase/summary of an article in a professional journal (1-3 pages; all written assignments double-spaced, typed--see exceptions; use uneven right margin) for class distribution, due no later than 11:00 am on Thurs. preceding seminar meeting for which work is listed as due on the syllabus; assignments due in LA 350; late papers will NOT be graded). Instructor's copy to be placed in faculty mail box.
- 3) two book reviews (3-5 pages; copies for class)
- 4) one book-related essay (3-5 pages; copies for class) plus one book review of same book (3 pages; copy for instructor only)
- 5) one prospectus (1 page; copy for instructor only)
- 6) one research paper (10-15 pages, including footnotes and bibliography) and one abstract of the paper (1 page single-spaced for class). One copy of the research paper (on standard typing paper) due no later than the Tuesday following oral presentation. Abstract (copies for class) due on Thursday preceding oral presentation.
- 7) Academic journal: Due February 21 and April 4 (single-spaced, typed)
- 8) Ethics essay: Due Apr 4 (2 pages; double spaced) with academic journal.

The seminar will be divided into two groups (A and B). Each week, in addition to assigned readings for the entire seminar, one group will have a written assignment/oral presentation due and the other group will assume responsibility for commentary/evaluation. At least one of the written assignments will be re-written. The mechanics of seminar operation and the guidelines for written work will be explained in class.

January 17: INTRODUCTION: ETHICS AND FOREIGN POLICY

24: AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY & ETHICS IN FOREIGN POLICY

-Spanier, Ch. 1

-Criteria for moral judgments & choice of foreign policy

-The state as actor, national interest, nationality & morality

26: LIBRARY VISIT (Thurs)

- 31: COLD WAR  
-Spanier, Ch. 2  
-A, Paraphrase/Summary
- February 7: CONTAINMENT  
-Spanier, Ch. 3 & 4  
-B, Paraphrase/Summary
- 14: AMERICAN STRATEGY: FRONTIERSMANSHIP & MASSIVE RETALIATION  
-Spanier, Ch. 5 & 6  
-A, Book Review; B, Prospectus
- 21: THIRD WORLD  
-Spanier, Ch. 7  
-B, Book Review; A, Prospectus  
-A & B, Academic Journal
- 28: VIETNAM & CONTAINMENT  
-Spanier, Ch. 8  
-A, Book Review
- March 7: COLD WAR I & DETENTE  
-Spanier, Ch. 9  
-B, Book Review
- 14: SPRING BREAK
- 21: THIRD WORLD CONFLICT  
-Spanier, Ch. 10  
-A, Essay
- 28: REAGAN ADMINISTRATION & COLD WAR II  
-Spanier, Ch. 11 & 12  
-B, Essay
- April 4: CONTAINMENT REAPPRAISED  
-Spanier, Ch. 13 & 14  
-A & B, Academic Journal  
-A, Paper Abstract, papers (oral presentations start)
- 11: RESEARCH PAPERS  
-A, Papers  
-B, Paper Abstract
- 18: RESEARCH PAPERS  
-B, Papers
- 25: RESEARCH PAPERS  
-A, Papers
- May 2: RESEARCH PAPERS  
-B, Papers
- 11: RESEARCH PAPERS (Finals Week, Thurs., 10:10-12:10)  
-Remaining Papers  
-Conference