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Political Science 335, American Foreign Policy, is an upper division course intended to acquaint students with the practical and intellectual issues, as well as the historical background of United States foreign policy since World War II.

Students are expected to thoroughly and carefully complete the reading assignments for each class meeting, and to be prepared to discuss the contents of these assignments. The following books will be used in the course:

Adam Ulam, **The Rivals**

Stanley Karnow, **Vietnam: A History**

Jeffrey Garten, **A Cold Peace**

Students are required to write a six page precis on each of these three books. Chapter assignments and deadlines for each precis will be announced in class. The precis will include a concise, accurate statement of the thesis of the book, followed by a description of the principal arguments and evidence used by the author, and will conclude with an evaluation of the validity and value of the book. Precis will be typed, double spaced, and written in correctly spelled, grammatical English. Precis that are turned in late or have excessive errors will be penalized.

Grades will be based on the three precis. Each precis will count for one third of the course grade.