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### PSC 335.01: American Foreign Policy

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Political Science 335  
American Foreign Policy

Summer, 1998  
Office: LA 349  
Office Hours: 11-12

Textbook:

John Spanier, American Foreign Policy Since World War II (13th edition)

Course Requirements:

This course consists of three elements: the substance of American foreign policy, i.e., the facts; analysis and interpretation of the effectiveness of foreign policy in terms of national self-interest and broader ethical issues; and writing. The first part (the facts) are to be obtained mainly from the textbook and will be covered in four short identification-type quizzes. These will be on Fridays: July 3, 10, 17, 24. 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.

This is a "W" course so major emphasis will be placed on writing. The first and second elements of the course will be addressed in three short papers (approximately 5 pages each) all of which should focus on the same common theme. (Some examples: a geographical focus such as US policy toward Latin America, economic policy, alliance policy, human rights policy.) These papers are to be analytical and interpretive dealing with the issues of national interest and ethics. After the papers have been graded and returned, they will be combined into a larger final paper. This paper, in addition to integrating the three short papers (with corrections), will afford an opportunity for refining critical judgement.

The short papers are due on the following schedule: 1st paper due on July 10; 2nd paper due on July 17; 3rd paper due on July 24. Final paper is due July 31.

The material for these papers is to come primarily from the textbook but may also include additional sources as you wish.  
PLEASE RETURN THE THREE SHORT PAPERS ALONG WITH THE FINAL PAPER.

Grades: Short papers (10% each) = 30%  
Final paper = 20%  
Quizzes (10%each) = 40%  
Attendance/discussion = 10

NOTE: 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 sequence. Please follow the reading assignments as indicated since there will be primary emphasis upon discussion rather than lecture:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>
The Bases of Foreign Policy	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 1
US Policy Before WW II	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 2
FIRST QUIZ	JULY 10
Cold War I	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 3-6
SECOND QUIZ	JULY 17
Human Rights Issues	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 7-8
Cold War II	Spanier/Hook, Ch. 9-10
THIRD QUIZ	JULY 24
Post Cold War	Spanier, Ch. 11
Conclusion	Spanier, Ch.12
FOURTH QUIZ	JULY 31