

History 3020 American Foreign Relations, 1914 to the Present
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Course Objectives:

This course has two broad objectives: 1) to enhance student understanding of U.S. interaction with the world during the 20th and early 21st centuries; 2) to develop concrete skills-- grammatical, reading, listening, oral, organizational, and conceptual.

Required Reading:

BOOKS

Howard Jones, Crucible of Power, 2nd ed. (Rowman & Littlefield). Available in bookstore.

Robert K. Brigham, Is Iraq Another Vietnam? (Public Affairs, 2006). Order through the internet (cheaper that way).

INTERNET DOCUMENTS

1. "Sino-Soviet Split," Wikipedia
2. "History of Israel," Wikipedia, 1-17
3. "Able Archer 83," Wikipedia
4. "The National Security Strategy of the United States of America," Sept. 2002, www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nss.pdf
5. "A National Security Strategy for a New Century," Dec. 1999, www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/nss/nss2000.htm
6. "National Security Strategy for Combating Terrorism, 9/2006," www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nsct/2006/
7. "National Defense Strategy of the United States 2008,"

www.defenselink.mil/news/2008%20national%20defense%20strategy.pdf

LIBRARY RESERVE DOCUMENTS (password: tuckermans)

1. "In Support of American Empire"

2. "Declaration of War Against Germany (1917)"
3. "Senator LaFollette Voices His Dissent (1917)"
4. "The Fourteen Points (1918)"
5. "Articles 10 through 16 of the League Covenant (1919)"
6. "The League of Nations (1919)"
7. "The League of Nations Must Be Revised (1919)"
8. "Quarantine of the Aggressors (1937)"
9. "The Four Freedoms (1941)"
10. "Lindberg Address to America First Rally (1941)"
11. "FDR War Message to Congress (1941)"
12. "Japanese Position Presented, 12/7/41"
13. "The Atomic Bomb—The Public Explanation (1945)"
14. "The Franck Committee Predicts an Nuclear Arms Race (1945)"
15. "If the Atomic Bomb Had Not Been Used (1946)"
16. "National Security Council Paper No. 68"
17. "Secretary of State Acheson Defines the Defense Perimeter in Asia"
18. "Kim Il Sung Pleads for Soviet Support"
19. "President Truman and His Advisers Confer at the 'Blair House Meeting' (6/26/50)"
20. "Mao Informs Stalin of Decision to Intervene in Korea (10/2/50)"
21. "Truman Defends US Policy in Korea (April 1951)"
22. "MacArthur's No Substitute for Victory Speech (April 1951)"

23. "National Security Council Paper No. 162/2"
24. "Dulles Proposes Massive Retaliation (1954)"
25. "Senator Kennedy Presses for More Military Spending to Close the Missile Gap"
26. "Eisenhower's Warns Against the Military-Industrial Complex (1961)"
27. "JFK's Inaugural Address (1961)"
28. "JFK Meets with Advisers on Cuba (10/16/62)"
29. "JFK Address to Nation (10/22/62)"
30. "Khrushchev Asks for US Non-Invasion Pledge (10/26/62)"
31. "Castro and Mikoyan Review Cuban Crisis (11/4/62)"
32. "The Tonkin Gulf Resolution"
33. "President Johnson Explains Why Americans Fight in Vietnam"
34. "Johnson Questions Under Secretary of State Ball"
35. "Former Secretary of Defense Clifford Recalls His Post-Tet Questions"
36. "UN Security Council Resolution 242 (1967)"
37. "President Nixon Recalls His Initial Goals"
38. "Nixon Explains the Five Power Centers of the New Global Economy"
39. "Secretary of State Kissinger Defines Détente"
40. "Carter Commencement Address at Notre Dame"
41. "The Carter Doctrine (1980)"
42. "Dictatorships and Double Standards"
43. "Reagan Address to the British Parliament"
44. "Reagan Denounces the Soviet Union"

45. "Reagan Touts US Military Power and Introduces SDI"
46. "Gorbachev Identifies US Delusions"
47. "Paul Kennedy on 'Imperial Overstretch' and the Relative Decline of the United States"
48. "Georgia Arbatov Explains the 'New Thinking' in the Soviet Union"
49. "President Bush (41) Declares New World Order (1990)"
50. "President Clinton Warns Against New Isolationism (1995)"
51. "The Unipolar Moment"
52. "Address to a Joint Session of Congress and the American People"
53. "The National Security Strategy of the United States of America"
54. "Keeping Saddam Hussein in a Box"
55. "The Folly of Containment"
56. "Study Challenges Bush Counterterrorism Strategy (11/07)"

Tests and Grading:

Two tests and a final examination will be given during the semester. They will be essay and short answer in nature and based on lectures, readings, and discussions. They will count the following percentages of your final grade: 2 tests, 40%; final exam, 30%. Essay questions will be passed out in advance of the tests and final exam, but must be done in class without notes or books. A substantial portion of the final exam will be taken from the 2 tests.

The remaining 30% of your grade will be determined by your grade on a 3000-to-5000 word paper done outside of class focused on comparing President George W. Bush's foreign policy with that of a previous administration(s). You have considerable leeway in developing a specific approach within that focus, but it would be a good idea to consult the instructor before working on the

Reserve Document #1

- Thurs., Jan. 15 Lecture: The U.S. and World War I
Reading: Crucible, chapter 3
- Tues., Jan. 20 Discussion: Woodrow Wilson and World War I
Reading: Reserve Documents 2-7
- Thurs., Jan. 22 Lecture: The U.S. and the Great Powers in the
Interwar Period
Reading: Crucible, chapters 5 & 6
- Tues., Jan. 27 Discussion: U.S. Entry into World War II
Reading: Crucible, chapter 7; Reserve
Documents 8-12
- Thurs., Jan. 29 Lecture: War and Diplomacy
Reading: Crucible, chapter 8
- Tues., Feb. 3 Discussion: Preparing for the Postwar World
Reading: Reserve Documents 13-15
- Thurs., Feb. 5 Lecture: The Origins of the Cold War in Europe
And the Near East
Reading: Crucible, chapter 9; Reserve
Document #16
- Tues., Feb. 10 Discussion: The Origins of the Cold War in
East Asia
Reading: Crucible, 277-88; Reserve
Documents 17-19
- Thurs., Feb. 12 Lecture: The Korean War & International
Politics
Reading: Crucible, 288-98; Reserve
Documents 20-22
- Tues., Feb. 17 Test #1
- Thurs., Feb. 19 Lecture: The Korean War & the Red Scare
Reading: None
- Tues., Feb. 24 Discussion: Ike, Khrushchev & Nuclear Weapons
Reading: Crucible, 303-304,
319-22, 329-37; Reserve Documents 23-26
- Thurs., Feb. 26 Lecture: The Rise of the Third World

- Reading: Crucible, 304-19, 322-29, 336
- Tues., March 3 Lecture: JFK, the Third World, & Berlin
Reading: Crucible, 343-55; Reserve Document 27
- Thurs., March 5 Discussion: The Cuban Missile Crisis
Reading: Crucible, 355-64; Reserve Documents 28-31
- Tues., March 17 Lecture: Vietnam
Reading: Crucible, 364-72, 379-411
- Thurs., March 19 Discussion: Vietnam
Reading: Reserve Documents, 32-35
- Tues., March 24 Lecture: The Sino-Soviet Split
Reading: Internet Document #1
- Thurs., March 26 Lecture: Détente & Rapprochement
Reading: Crucible, 417-39; Reserve Documents, 37-39
- Tues., March 31 Lecture: Ford, Carter & the Illusion of US Decline
Reading: Crucible, 439-50, 455-66, 470-81; Reserve Documents 40-41
- Thurs., April 2 Test #2
- Tues., April 7 Lecture: US & the Middle East
Reading: Crucible, 466-70; Reserve Document 36; Internet Document 2, 1-17
- Thurs., April 9 Discussion: Reagan and Gorbachev
Reading: Crucible, 485-520; Reserve Documents 42-48
- Tues., April 14 Discussion: Able Archer 83
Reading: Internet Document #3
- Thurs., April 16 Discussion: Bush (1), Clinton and Defining America's Role in the Post-Cold War World
Reading: Crucible, chapter 17; Reserve Documents 49-51; Internet Document #5

- Tues., April 21 Discussion: Bush (2) and Preemption
Reading: Crucible, chapter 18; Internet
Documents 4, 6, & 7
Outside Papers Due
- Thurs., April 23 Discussion: Historical Analogy, Iraq & Vietnam
Reading: Is Iraq Another Vietnam?
- Tues., April 28 Student Evaluations & Review
- Tues., May 5 Final Exam 12-3. (A makeup final will be
offered on Sat., May 2,, from 9-12 A.M.)