

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO

POLI 142. US FOREIGN POLICY

Dr. James J. Coyle, Spring 2013

Class Meeting Information:	Thursdays 6:30-9:20 PM Solis 104	Instructor Contact Information:	mailto:jimcoyle@verizon.net (714)744-7074
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Course Description

This course provides a review of the how US foreign policy is made. It concentrates on the elements of US government and society that are involved in the policymaking process.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate their ability to understand the concepts involved in the creation of US foreign policy
- Have a familiarity with the various elements of government involved in foreign policy
- Understand US foreign policy toward various regions of the world

Texts and Course Materials

Cox, Michael and Doug Stokes. US Foreign Policy. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012). Second Edition.

Course Requirements and Grading Policy

This course will emphasize the bureaucratic decision making process involved in foreign policy, and focus on student participation. Accordingly, each week, students will submit at the beginning of class two questions based on the assigned readings for the week. The questions can be on any aspect of the readings, but should be limited to the assigned materials. The questions should be based on a minimum of two separate readings; questions that show a synthesis of the readings are preferred. Students' names should be included on the questions. There will be a midterm and a final.

Your grade will be computed on the following basis:

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| • Attendance, participation, and timely submission of weekly questions | 30% |
| • Midterm | 30% |
| • Final | 40% |

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to be in class each day scheduled.

Conduct

Students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the policies set forth in UCSD's academic catalog and Student Handbook. Cooperation with one another is encouraged, but plagiarism is a violation of university policy and will be treated accordingly.

Course Timeline

Week One—Introduction. Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5.

Week Two—Foreign Policy Institutions. Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9.

Week Three —Regional Foreign Policy: Third World. Chapters 12, 16 and 17

Week Four —Regional Foreign Policy: First and Second Worlds. Chapters 13-15.

Week Five – Midterm Examination

Week Six — Issues: Economy. Chapter 18.

Week Seven—Issues: Terrorism. Chapter 19.

Week Eight – Issues: Environment. Chapter 20

Week Nine —The Future. Chapter 21-23.

Week Ten—*The White House. The National Security Strategy of the United States. 2010.*

http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss_viewer/national_security_strategy.pdf

Week Eleven—Final Examination