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


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 complete a quiz or quizzes in class on the required readings for the week. Students’ names should be included on the quizzes to receive appropriate credit. There will be a final.

Your grade will be computed on the following basis:

- Attendance, participation, and quizzes 60%
- 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.

Week Three—Foreign Policy Institutions, Chapters 8, 9.

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


Week Seven—Issues: Terrorism. Chapter 19.

Week Eight — Issues: Environment. Chapter 20


Week Eleven—Final Examination