Political Science 147B is an overview of contemporary Russian-American relations. This course assumes no previous study of either international relations or the central Eurasian region. The purpose of the course is to help you develop skills as an American foreign policy analyst.

Throughout the course the focus is on America’s “Russia problem.” Thus, throughout the course, you should ask: What are Russia’s goals concerning this issue? How does this affect America’s interests? What options to respond are available to the United States government? How should we expect Russia and others to respond to each of our options? And which option would you recommend that our government choose?

The course is organized as follows:

I. FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS: A TEMPLATE
II. EXPLAINING RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICY BEHAVIOR
   A. The Dependent Variable: Russian Foreign Policy Behavior since 1991
   B. Premises for Analysis from Russian Statements of National Security Doctrine
   C. Premises for Analysis from Competing Theories
III. KEY ISSUES ON THE CURRENT AGENDA
   A. The Near Abroad
      1. Post-Soviet Boundaries and Failed States in Central Eurasia
      2. Competing Alliances in Central Eurasia and Beyond
      3. Regime Change in Central Eurasia
   B. The Eurasian Contact Zone
      1. Central Eurasian Energy and Eurasian Power Relations
      2. Economic and Military Competition in the Not-so-near Abroad
      3. The War on Terrorism
   C. The Global Arena
      1. Arms Races, Arms Control, and Proliferation
      2. Cyber, Information, and Hybrid War: Has the War Been Declared?

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Readings and Lectures. All assigned readings are available through Geisel Library’s on-line course reserves.

The readings focus on very recent developments. Lectures provide the background and larger context within which these developments fit. You should attend all lectures, listen to the podcasts, or arrange for someone whom you trust to take good notes for you. Copies of the PowerPoints should also be available through the Podcast system.

Grades. Your course grade will be based on the following:

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For the computation of course grades all assignments will be graded on a 16-point scale. This is simply the familiar 4-point GPA scale times 4. Thus, grades will be assigned the following numerical scores:

16 = A  14 = A-  13.0 = B+  12 = B  10 = B-  9 = C+  8 = C  7 = C-  4 = D  0 = F

**Quizzes.** Each quiz consists of 30 multiple-choice questions. You will have 60 minutes for each quiz. The quizzes seek to check your understanding of the lectures and readings. Each question asks you about the major claims made in lecture or the reading. Please prepare by focusing on the big themes and major points that sum to larger analytic points rather than learning separate unconnected facts.

**Policy memorandum.** The assignments labelled Research project topic, Policy briefing, Oral briefing, and Policy analysis are all parts of one research project on a topic that you choose in consultation with the instructors of this course. The research assignment is described in a separate document.

**Plagiarism.** You may discuss your research project with others, but your written work must be your own. Please do not jeopardize your academic career and your professional reputation by academic dishonesty. The payoff to dishonesty is very small, the costs—both immediate and long term—can be very high.

**Note:** By enrolling in this course you agree to submit your final paper for textual-similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the terms-of-use agreement posted on the Turnitin.com website.

**Podcasts.** All lectures will be available through the UCSD Podcast web-site. The PowerPoint projections should also be available on this site. You must sign-in to access these.

**TritonEd Course Web-site.** On the TritonEd web-site are copies of this course syllabus. All future assignments and supplemental materials will be posted as they become available.

### SCHEDULE OF LECTURES AND READINGS

**I. FOREIGN POLICY ANALYSIS: A TEMPLATE**

- **Tu** Apr 3. Introduction to the Course
- **Th** Apr 5. An Example of Strategic Analysis: The Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962

  **Read for Thursday:**


**II. EXPLAINING RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICY BEHAVIOR**

- **Tu** Apr 10. The Dependent Variable: Russian Foreign Policy Behavior since 1991
- **Th** Apr 12. Premises for Analysis from Russian Statements of National Security Doctrine

  **Read for this week:**


Tu  Apr 17.  Premises for Analysis from Competing Theories
Th  Apr 19.  Premises for Analysis from Competing Theories [continued]

Read for this week:
Foreign Affairs 95 (3), 2-9.

Kaczmarski, Marcin. 2014. “Domestic Power Relations and Russia’s Foreign Policy.”

to Civilizational Distinctiveness.” The Russian Review 75 (4), 604-625.

III. KEY ISSUES ON THE CURRENT AGENDA
A. THE NEAR ABROAD
Tu  Apr 24.  Issue #1.  Post-Soviet Boundaries and Failed States
   How Do We Prevent Russia From Expanding Further?
Th  Apr 26.  Issue #1.  Post-Soviet Boundaries and Failed States [continued]
   Read for this week:
   Tsygankov, Andrei. 2015. “Vladimir Putin’s Last Stand: The Sources of Russia’s Ukraine Policy.” Post-
Soviet Affairs 31 (4), 279-303.

   Karagiannis, Emmanuel. 2014. “The Russian Interventions in South Ossetia and Crimea Compared:

Tu  May 1.  Issue #1.  Post-Soviet Boundaries and Failed States [continued]
   Case Study: How Should The United States Have Responded to the Crimean Annexation?
Th  May 3.  Quiz #1
   Read for this week:
   Lanoszka, Alexander. 2016. “Russian Hybrid Warfare and Extended Deterrence in Eastern Europe.”
   International Affairs (London) 92 (1), 175-195.

Tu  May  8.  Issue #2.  Competing Alliances in Central Eurasia
   Should the United States Extend Its Security Guarantees to More States?
Th  May 10.  Issue #2.  Competing Alliances in Central Eurasia [continued]
   Case Study: Should Georgia and Ukraine Have Been Admitted to NATO?
   Read for this week:
   Antonopoulos, Paul et al. 2017. “NATO’s Push Into the Caucasus: Geopolitical Flashpoints and Limits
   for Expansion.” Defense and Security Analysis 33 (December), 366-379.

   Skalamera, Morena. 2017. “Russia’s Continuing Influence in Central Asia.” Survival 59 (December),
   123-42.
Tu May 15. Issue #3. Regime Change in Central Eurasia
Should the United States Press for Regime Change in Central Eurasia?

Th May 17. Issue #3. Regime Change in Central Eurasia [continued]
Case Study: Could the United States Have Done More for Democracy in Russia?

Read for this week:


III. KEY ISSUES ON THE CURRENT AGENDA
B. THE EURASIAN CONTACT ZONE

Tu May 22. Issue #4. Central Eurasian Energy and Power
Should the United States Seek to End Energy Dependence on Russia?

Th May 23. Issue #5. Economic and Military Competition in the Not-so-near Abroad
Can We Contain Russia in the Arctic, Black Sea, and Middle East?

Read for this week:


Tu May 29. Issue #6. The War on Terrorism
Should We Cooperate with Russia in the War Against Terrorism?

Read for Tuesday:

III. KEY ISSUES ON THE CURRENT ARENA
C. THE GLOBAL ARENA

Th May 31. Issue #7. Arms Races, Arms Control, and Proliferation
Should We Try to Out-build Russia or Cooperate to Limit the Arms Race?

Read for this week:

Tu Jun 5. Issue #8. Cyber, Information, and Hybrid War: Has War Been Declared?  
Case Study: Russian Interference in the 2016 US Presidential Elections

Th Jun 7. Quiz #2

Read for this week:
