Course Description

Examines American foreign policy since 1890 with an emphasis on current events and diverse points of view. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

Investigates the relations and policies of the United States with regard to other countries and world events. Designed to provide an in-depth course experience that reviews and evaluates American foreign policy. Instructors will invite well-known, or knowledgeable foreign policy specialists, to the classroom.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites

No prerequisites. College level reading abilities.

Course Objectives

Upon successfully completing this course, students will be able to:

- Evaluate the major American doctrines in foreign policy since the 1890s, such as idealism, realism, and neo-realism, and to apply these doctrines to major historic events in U.S foreign policy.
- Evaluate the major historic interpretations of U.S foreign policy since the 1890s, such as the nationalist, hard realist, soft realist, and the radical and moderate revisionist interpretations.
- Compare and contrast the different philosophical approaches of U.S secretary of states to U.S involvement in world affairs.
- Discuss foreign policy issues with policy makers, and specialists.

Major Topics to be Included

a. Europe, America, and WWI.
b. U.S Foreign policy between the two major World Wars.
c. U.S foreign policy and the Cold War.
d. U.S foreign policy in the aftermath of the Cold War.
e. 9/11 and U.S foreign policy.