

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
HIS 280 - AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY SINCE 1890 (3 CR.)**

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.