GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Sam Nunn School of International Affairs

International Affairs 3110A

**U.S. FOREIGN POLICY**

TTh: 9:35-10:55 am Robert Kennedy

Instructional Center 115                     Fall 2014

**1. Scope**

            This course examines the evolution of U.S. Foreign Policy and processes from the founding of the Republic to the present. U.S. foreign policies during the periods of American independence, expansionism, the emergence of the U.S. as a regional power, the Spanish American War, World War I, the in the inter-war years, World War II, the Cold War, and post-Cold War period will be examined in detail.  Relatively greater emphasis will be placed on U.S. Foreign policies since 1914. The effectiveness of the U.S. employment of political, economic, and military instruments of power in promoting U.S. interests during the period will be analyzed and assessed.

**2. Class Format:** The course will be mostly taught in the lecture format. Students are encouraged to raise questions or comments at anytime during the sessions.

**3. Required Texts**

           Thomas G. Paterson, J. Garry Clifford, and Kenneth J. Hagan, *American Foreign Relations: A History to 1920.*  Seventh Edition.  Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company 2010. (Hereafter referred to as Paterson, Vol 1).

            Thomas G. Paterson, J. Garry Clifford, and Kenneth J. Hagan, *American Foreign Relations: A History since 1895*. Seventh Edition.  Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company 2010.  (Hereafter referred to as Paterson, Vol 2).

**4. Prerequisites**: One of these courses: HIST 2111, HIST 2112, PUBP 3000, INTA 1200, POL 1101, AP US History.

**5. Course Requirements:**

General:

            a. Course members will be expected to attend all classes, complete all assigned readings, and participate in classroom discussions on the subjects addressed in the readings and lectures.  Lectures during the course may not cover the readings and will often present new ideas and information.  You are responsible for the information contained in the reading, whether it is covered or not in lectures, as well as for the information in the lectures.

            b.  In addition to the regularly course readings, students are encouraged to read a **major daily newspaper** **in its print or internet media version** and watch one of the **nightly news broadcasts** in order to stay informed on current foreign policy issues.

           Quizzes and Examinations.  The will be occasional, unannounced quizzes on the readings and/or material provided during the lecture. **There will be no make up quizzes**. If you miss a quiz and have an approved excuse or you took the quiz but no grade has been posted, you must make that known to the **Teaching Assistant by email within a week of the date of the quiz.** If you fail to do so, you will not be given credit for an excused absence. If you have an excused absence, your overall quiz grade will be the average of the quizzes you took. Quizzes and Examinations will include multi-choice, true v. false, and matching questions and will only be given on the announced dates. A medical or other Georgia Tech approved excuse is the only permissible reasons for missing quizzes or examinations. All electronic equipment (cell phones, iphones, blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, computers, etc.) must be **put away/hidden from view** during exams. Students found using any such electronic devices will receive an automatic zero for the exam. Exams are currently **tentatively schedule** on the following dates. However, dates may change. It is the student’s responsibility to stay current on the course schedule. Examinations missed for authorized reasons must be taken as soon as possible.

**Exam 1: Sep 18**

**Exam 2: Oct 28**

**Exam 3: Dec 9**

**6. Grading:**  A = 90-100; B = 80-99; C = 70-79; D = 60-69; F = below 60

            Classroom participation, including quizzes **10%**

Exam 1                                         **25%**

            Exam 2                                                **30%**

   Exam 2 will be only on the material covered since Exam 1.

            Last Exam                                   **35%**

          The Last Exam will cover only the material covered since Exam 2.

# 7. Office Hours: Please check with our TA TJ Strott before attempting to make an appointment. Email: tstrott@gatech.edu; Tele: 706-717-0339

Tues, Thurs 1:00 – 2:00 pm, by appointment

       Office: Ivan Allen College, 781 Marietta St, Room: 153

         Please make an appointment by telephone (404-894-0682) or email (robert.kennedy@inta.gatech.edu) so you don’t have to hang around the office waiting.

**8. Course Outline and Reading Assignments:**

Date                            Topics and Readings

Aug 19 Course Introduction

Aug 21 Factors Influencing the Formation of America Foreign Policy LD-01

Aug 26, 28 Americans and the World Before 1789.

Paterson Vol. 1, Chap 1, LD-02a

Sep 2 Independence, Expansion, and War

                                              Paterson, Vol. 1, Chapter 2, LD-02 b & c

Sep 4        Extending the Sphere, Dealing with Domestic Dependent Nations, and War with Mexico

                                               Paterson, Vol. 1, Chapter 3, LD-03

Sep 9                         Expansionism, Sectionalism, and the Civil War 1848-65

           Paterson, Vol. 1, Chapter 4, LD-04

Sep 11                        Regional Hegemony and Global Power 1865-95

                                               Paterson, Vol. 1, Chapter 5, LD-05

Sep 16 The Age of Imperialism

Paterson, Vol. 1, Chapter 6, LD-06

**Sep 18 Exam 1**

Sep 23                   Managing, Policing, and Extending the Empire and War and

Peace

                                               Paterson, Vol. 1, Chapters 7, 8, LD-07, LD-08

Sep 25 Europe 1920-1939

                                                Paterson, Vol. 2, Chapter 4, LD-08

Sep 30 Asia, Latin America and the Vagaries of Power, 1920-1939

Paterson, Vol. 2, Chapter 5

Oct 2                 World War II and Allied Diplomacy

                                                Paterson, Vol. 2, Chapter 6, LD-09

Oct 7 Truman and Eisenhower: The Cold War Begins

                                               Paterson, Vol. 2, Chapters 7,8, LD-10, 11

Oct 9              Kennedy, LBJ, Flexible Response and The Vietnam Years

                                               Paterson, Vol. 2, Chapter 9, LD-12

**Oct 14 Fall Recess**

Oct 16 Kennedy, etc. continued

Oct 21,23 Nixon, Kissinger, and Detente

                                               Paterson, Vol. 2, Chapter 10 through p.398, LD-13a

**Oct 28 Exam 2**

Oct 30 The Carter Experiment

                                           Paterson, Vol. 2, Chapter 10, pp. 398-416, LD-14

Nov 4, 6                Cold War Renewed: The Reagan Years

                                          Paterson, Vol. 2, Chapter 11, through p. 443, LD-15

Nov 11, 13 Bush, Clinton and The End of the Cold War

                                           Paterson, Vol. 2, Chapter 11, from p. 443 on, LD-16

Nov 18, 20 G.W. Bush: A New Unilateralism and the Future of American

Foreign Policy, Chapter 12, LD-17

Nov 25 Barrack Obama and Contemporary US Foreign Policy,

LD-18

**Nov 27 Thanksgiving Holiday**

**Dec 2, 4** Barrack Obama and Contemporary US Foreign Policy,

LD-18

**Dec 9 (Tues)** **Exam 3: (officially currently scheduled 8 – 10:50 am), check with registrar’s schedule in the Oscar the week before for any changes.**  The last examination will be on the information covered since the previous exam. **The exam will last approximately 1 hour. Be there at 9:00 am.**

**Important Note: This schedule is subject to change. Changes will be announced in class. If you miss class, it is your responsibility to ascertain if there have been changes to the schedule.**