

POSC 4701-101
Marquette University
U.S. Foreign Policy
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MWF 10:00 – 10:50

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Course Objectives:

This course examines the development and practice of U.S. foreign policy from a historical and institutional perspective. The course will focus specifically on the various actors that influence foreign policy decisionmaking, including, but not limited to, institutional actors (executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government), interest groups, public

Describe

Students will research and write a paper advocating a foreign policy decision of their choice. Students will hand in an annotated bibliography (5%) and a draft (15%), as well as the finished paper (20%). All students in the class will participate in a peer review process, providing feedback to another student at the draft stage. A more specific description of the

paper and requirements will be distributed in class.

There will be an in-class final exam. Any student who has an A grade at the end of the semester is exempt from the final exam. It cannot be borderline – it has to be a clear 93 or

Participation

Students are expected to do the readings before each class and contribute regularly to class

Mon., Jan. 27 – Levels of Analysis

Hook, "Dynamics of Decisionmaking," pp. 83-99

"Sugar Protections prove easy to swallow for Lawmakers across the Spectrum," *The Washington Post*, 12/7/2013 (D2L)

"Why U.S. Taxpayers are paying Brazilian Cotton Growers," *NPR*, 11/9/2010 (D2L)

Quiz #2

Topic 2 – Institutional Actors

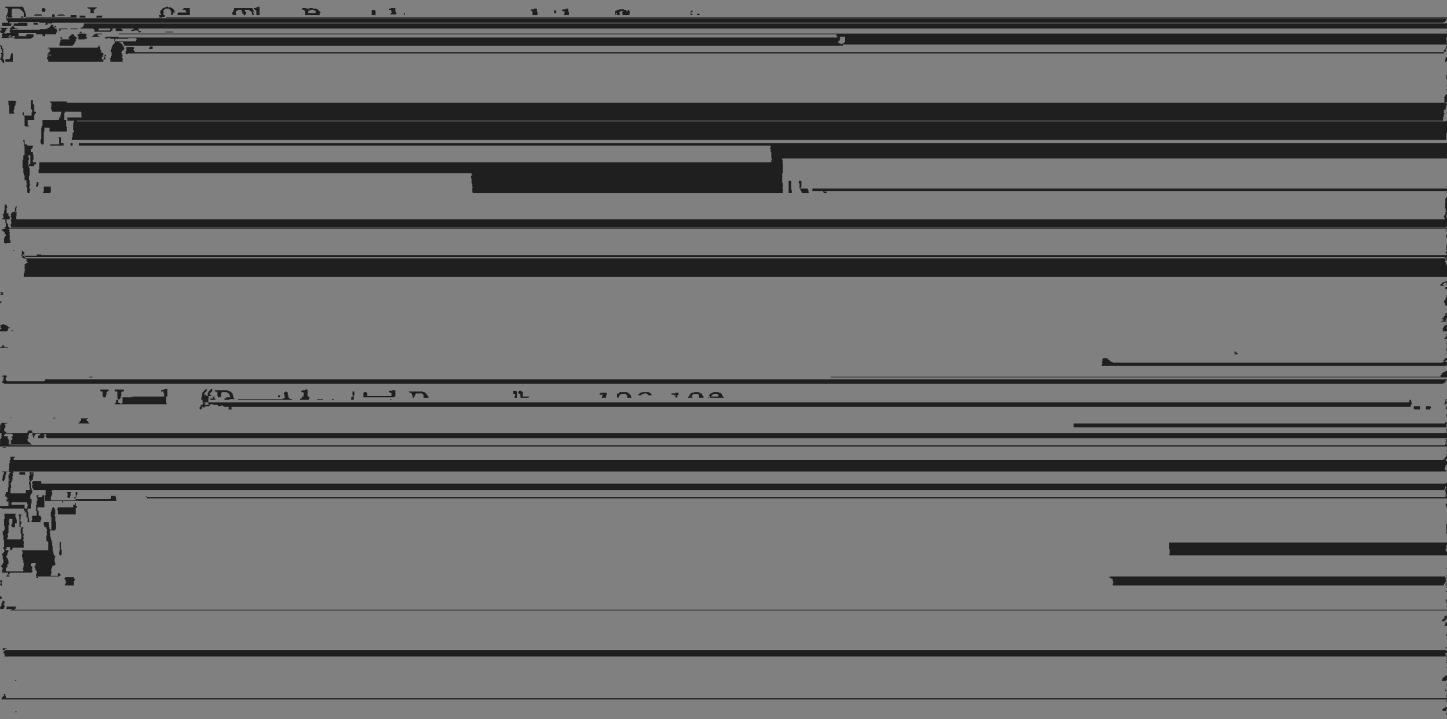
Wed., Jan. 29 – The Presidency

Articles I and II of the U.S. Constitution

Hook, "Presidential Power," pp. 103-126

"Prerogative Power in the Obama Administration: Continuity and Change in the War on Terrorism," Richard Pious, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 2011 (D2L)

"Signing Statement of H.R. 2863," George W. Bush (D2L)



"NSA Snooping: Judge v. Spies," *The Economist*, 12/17/2013 (D2L)



Mon Feb 10 The Foreign Policy Bureau

[REDACTED]

Hook, Ch. 6 "The Foreign Policy Bureaucracy," pp. 171-202.

Wed Feb 12 The President and the Bureaucracy

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"Presidential Decision Making" The Center for Strategic Studies

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MARCH 10 – 14 – SPRING BREAK

Mon., Mar. 17 – Agenda Setting

“Setting the Agenda: Mass Media, 1965-1976” by Robert D. Wood

Wed., Mar. 19 – The Military’s View of the Media

“The Army and the Media,” Major Barry E. Venable, *Military Review*, 2002 (D2L)

Fri., Mar. 21 – Interest Group Influence

Hook, Ch. 9 “Social Movements and Interest Groups”

Mon., Mar. 24 – The Israel Lobby

“The Israel Lobby,” John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt, *London Review of Books*, 3/2006 (D2L)

“The Jerusalem Syndrome: Decoding ‘The Israel Lobby,’” Walter Russell Mead

Robert Jervis, *Surprise, Security, and the American Experience*, Ch2. 4-5 (D2L)
 “Why Iran should get the Bomb,” Kenneth Waltz, *Foreign Affairs*, 7/2012 (D2L)

Topic 6 – Economic Policy

Mon., Apr. 14 – Overview
 Hook, Ch. 11, “Economic Statecraft”

Wed., Apr. 16 – The Arms Trade
 TBA

APRIL 17 – 21 EASTER HOLIDAY

Wed., Apr. 23 – Foreign Aid
 “Does Foreign Aid support Autocrats, Democrats, or Both?” *The Journal of Politics*,
 Daniel Yuichi Kono and Gabriella R. Montinola, 2009 (D2L)

Topic 6 – Selected Cases

Fri., Apr. 25 – Iran
 “Good Evening, Mr. Roosevelt,” from *All the Shah’s Men: An American Coup and the
 Roots of Middle East Terror*, Stephen Kinzer, 2003 (D2L)

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OPTIONAL: “Purring like a Giant Cat,” from *All the Shah’s Men: An American Coup*

