

HISTORY/POLITICAL SCIENCE 40301: AMERICAN DIPLOMACY
CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU
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Course Content: According to the Chaminade University General Catalog description, History/Political Science 403 is a study of America's international relations from 1776 to the present, including the influence of domestic affairs on diplomacy.

Pre-requisites: Any 100 or 200 level History course or Political Science course.

Text: LaFeber, Walter The American Age: U.S. Foreign Policy at Home and Abroad, 1750 to the Present Second Edition

Class Format: A mix of lectures, discussions, examinations, and writing assignments with the aid of visual sources whenever possible. Students must attend classes regularly and read all assigned texts. Since this class is cross-listed as a History class as well as a Political Science class, it is important that students attend classes regularly. We will be approaching the subject as historians using the chronological approach as well as liberally interpreting events. We will also approach the subject as social scientist analyzing the structure of the U.S. foreign policy decision-making machine and the forces that influence it. If you are a history major you may not be familiar with the Political Science approach just as Political Science majors might not be accustomed to the Historian's viewpoint and methodology towards U.S. Foreign Policy. Hopefully, by the end of the semester, you will see U.S. foreign policy through the perspective of a historian as well as a social scientist.

Grading: Students in History/Political Science 403 will be graded on a point system. Points will be awarded as follows:

1 Book Review	100 Points
1 Mid-Term Examination	100 Points
1 Final Examination	100 Points
1 Research Project	100 Points

A TOTAL OF 400 POINTS ARE POSSIBLE.

Point Scale: A = 400-360 Points	D = 279-240 Points
B = 359-320 Points	F = 239-000 Points
C = 319-280 Points	

Description of Assignments

Book Review: Each student will be asked to pick ONE (1) Book besides the textbook to read. You will be asked to pick One college-level (200 Page) book on any topic in U.S. Foreign Policy and write a college-level review of about 4 pages. It must be typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins. This assignment will be worth 100 Points.

1 Mid-Term Examination: There will be One Mid-Term Examination consisting of two parts. Part One will be a Short Identification exercise worth 50 points. There will be a list of NINE terms taken at random from the various lectures and text. You will be asked to pick FIVE and write a detailed short identification for each term selected. Include such information as who or what, where, roughly when (no exact dates necessary), historical description, and historical significance for each term. Write your answers in complete sentences and in paragraph form. Each correct answer will be worth up to 10 points. Part Two will be an essay question. There will be TWO essay questions. You will be asked to pick ONE and write a detailed essay. The essay will be worth up to 50 Points.

Final Examination: The Final Examination will be the same format as the Mid-Term Examination. It will not be cumulative.

One Research Project: The Research Project will be worth 100 Points. Students will be asked to pick ONE recent foreign policy event. (Iraq, North Korea, War on Terrorism, Israel, Cuba, China, Free Trade, Immigration, etc.) and write a short paper discussing the foreign policy debate over the subject here in America. Look at Democrats, Republicans, Press, Special Interests Groups, Conservatives, Liberals, Personalities, etc. You can also look at forces abroad that are helping to shape our decision-making such as other governments, world public opinion, etc. Look at newspapers, magazines, political journals, editorial commentators, TV, among other sources that you can think of for your information. Your research paper should be about 5 to 6 pages typed with footnotes and a bibliography.

History/Political Science 403 Schedule and Reading Assignments

Jan. 17 Introduction
Jan. 24 The United States Constitution and
Foreign Policy
LaFeber, Chapter 1
Jan. 31 The New Nation: Washington and the foundations of
U.S. Foreign Policy
LaFeber, Chapter 2
Feb. 7 Shaping U.S. Foreign Policy in the Early 19th
Century
LaFeber, Chapters 3,4
Feb. 14 Manifest Destiny and the War with Mexico
Americans in the Pacific and Asia
Feb. 21 The Civil War and its aftermath
LaFeber, Chapter 5,6
Feb. 28 MID-TERM EXAMINATION
Mar. 7 Empire-Building and World Power Status
LaFeber, Chapter 7,8
Mar. 14 From Wilson to FDR: Internationalism or
Isolationism
LaFeber, Chapters 10,11, 12
Mar. 21 World War II and its aftermath
LaFeber, Chapter 13
Mar. 28 SPRING RECESS
Apr. 4 The Cold War
LaFeber, Chapter 14,15
Apr. 11 The Post Vietnam Era
LaFeber, Chapters 16,17,18,19
BOOK REVIEWS DUE
Apr. 18 HOLIDAY: GOOD FRIDAY
Apr. 25 U.S. Foreign Policy in our time
LaFeber, Chapter 20
RESEARCH PROJECTS DUE
May 2 FINAL EXAMINATION