

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA2026 American Foreign Policy

Pre-requisites : HA2004

No. of AUs. : 3

Contact Hours : 39

Course Aims

This course is designed to help develop your capacity both to explain the foreign policy-making process in the United States, and to better understand the underlying patterns, logic, and implications of American foreign policy in the world at large. Anyone interested in international relations, American history and politics and policy processes would benefit from this class. If you are considering a career in diplomacy or the military, this course will serve as a practicum to help you prepare for your future.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Explain the historical development of American Foreign Policy.
2. Apply theories of foreign policy to real-world cases.
3. Use the lessons of history to critically consider contemporary challenges in American foreign policy.
4. Distinguish causes of action affecting agents involved in foreign policy.
5. Critique changes to U.S. foreign policy and responsible agencies.
6. Develop techniques to work in flexible, team-based environments.

Course Content

- Overview and essentials
- Evolution
- Policy processes
- Policy instruments
- Global context
- Isolationism
- Exceptionalism
- Congress
- Courts
- Presidency

- Cold war
- CNN effect
- Lobbies
- Economic statecraft
- Military instruments
- Liberal world order
- American hegemony
- Future of American foreign policy

Course Assessment

Class Participation : 20%

In-class tests : 60%

Term Paper : 20%

Total -----

100%