I. Course Description
This course will examine the rise of the United States as the world’s predominant military, economic, and geopolitical power. Though it will focus nominally on developments since 1914, it will also address dynamics which stretch back to the nation’s founding. Class meetings will proceed chronologically, featuring lectures and discussions, and will touch on America’s diplomatic, cultural, and economic interaction with the world. Among the questions we will try to answer are the following: How did the United States emerge as a global power? What accounts for its apparent cycles of engagement and isolation with the world? To what extent is America foreign policy animated by a missionary ideology?

II. Prerequisites
There are no formal prerequisites for the course, but it does assume a basic familiarity with U.S. history and world events since the First World War. Students concerned about their fitness for the course should contact the instructor for recommended background reading.

III. Required Texts
Readings will average 100-150 pages per week and will draw on a range of materials including primary documents, scholarly articles, interpretive essays, and narrative texts. The following volumes are required reading and are available at the UVa Bookstore:


**IV. Course Website/Listserve**

All information on the syllabus will also be available on the course website. In addition, class readings other than those from the aforementioned texts are stored as .pdfs and located on the website at:

<http://faculty.virginia.edu/usdiphis>

A course listserv also exists for online discussions of class and related material. The address for the listserv is: <HIUS352-1@toolkit.virginia.edu>. Please note that any message you send to this address will be delivered automatically to everyone in the class. If you wish to contact the instructor directly and exclusively, please use the e-mail address listed on the first page of the syllabus. Password/access information for the listserv will be provided in class. To send a message to the listserv, the listserv password must appear in the first non-blank line of the message text.

**V. Assessment**

Grades will be determined on the basis of two mid-term examinations and a final exam. The weighting of those elements is as follows:

- Mid-Term Exam I, **February 16**: 30%
- Mid-Term Exam II, **March 30**: 30%
- Final Examination, **May 13**: 40%

**VI. Academic Misconduct**

Information regarding rules and regulations can be found on the university website at:

http://www.virginia.edu/~regist/ugradrec/chapter5/uchap5.1.html

In addition, Please note that plagiarism is an honor code offense. A complete discussion of plagiarism and academic fraud can be found at:

http://www.virginia.edu/honor/proc/fraud.html
VII. Overview

January 19: Introduction and 1898

January 24: Foreign Policy in the Progressive Era

January 26: Wilson and the American Project

January 31: America Enters the War

February 2: Devising the Peace

February 7: A Kind of Internationalism

February 9: FDR and the World

February 14: From Isolationism to Internationalism

February 16: Mid-Term I

February 21: Wartime Diplomacy

February 23: The Origins of the Cold War

February 28: Establishing Containment

March 2: Implementing Containment

March 7: Spring Break

March 9: Spring Break

March 14: Managing the Alliance

March 16: Globalizing Containment

March 21: Kennedy and the Cold War

March 23: Vietnam

March 28: LBJ

March 30: Mid-Term II

April 4: The Nixon Doctrine

April 6: Détente

April 11: Carter and the Moral Impulse

April 13: Reagan and Cold War II

April 18: The Turn

April 20: Ending the Cold War

April 25: A New World Order

April 27: The Challenges of the Post-Cold War World

May 2: September 11 and its Aftermath

Final Examination

Thursday, May 11, 9 a.m.
VIII. Class and Reading Schedule

January 19:  Introduction
    Topics:  Course overview, the Watershed of 1898

January 24:  Foreign Policy in the Progressive Era
    Topics:  1898, Imperialism, Progressive Internationalism

January 26:  Wilson and the American Project
    Topics:  Mexican, the Caribbean, Neutrality
    Readings:  Knock, *To End All Wars*, pp. 3-104.

January 31:  America Enters the War
    Topics:  The United States and the Great War
                Knock, *To End All Wars*, pp. 105-276.

February 2:  Devising the Peace
    Topics:  The League Fight; Wilsonian Diplomacy and Its Legacy

February 7:  A Kind of Internationalism
    Topics:  Washington System, European Debt, Latin America, Far East

February 9:  FDR and the World
    Topics:  Economic Diplomacy, the Good Neighbor Policy, Isolationism

February 14:  From Isolationism to Internationalism
    Topics:  Nanking, Munich, the N-S Pact, Lend-Lease, Pearl Harbor

February 16:  Mid-Term I
February 21: **Wartime Diplomacy**
Topics: Casablanca, Tehran, the Second Front, Yalta

February 23: **Origins of the Cold War**
Topics: Yalta, Potsdam, the Bomb, Postwar Europe, Anti-Communism
Gaddis, *Strategies of Containment*, p. 3-23.

February 28: **Establishing Containment**
Topics: Containment, Marshall Plan, Berlin Blockade, NATO

March 2: **Implementing Containment**
Topics: China, NSC-68, Rollback, the Cultural Cold War, Korea

March 7 & 9: **No Class – Spring Break**

March 14: **Managing the Alliance**
Topics: Korea, NATO, EDC, and Nuclear Weapons
Gaddis, *We Now Know*, pp. 113-43.

March 16: **Globalizing Containment**
Topics: The Developing World, the Suez Crisis, Eisenhower Doctrine

March 21: **Kennedy and the Cold War**
Topics: Berlin, Cuba, Africa, and the Western Hemisphere
Reading: Paterson, et. al., *AFR*, pp. 326-42.

March 23: **Vietnam**
Topics: Indochina
Herring, *America’s Longest War*, pp. 3-129.
March 28: LBJ
   Topics: Vietnam, the Dominican Crisis, Superpower Relations

March 30: Mid-Term II

April 4: The Nixon Doctrine
   Topics: Vietnamization, Middle East

April 6: Détente
   Topics: Triangular Diplomacy, Helsinki

April 11: Carter and the Moral Impulse
   Topics: Horn of Africa, Camp David, Iran, Latin America, Afghanistan

April 13: Reagan and Cold War II
   Topics: The Arms Buildup, SDI, Rollback
   Readings: Paterson, et. al., *AFR*, pp. 431-54.
             Gaddis, *Strategies of Containment*, pp. 349-62

April 18: The Turn
   Topics: ABLE ARCHER, KAL 007, Beirut, Grenada, Gorbachev
             Mann, *Rise of the Vulcans*, pp. 112-64.

April 20: Ending the Cold War
   Topics: The Revolutions of 1989, Germany Reunified
             Mann, *Rise of the Vulcans*, pp. 165-78.
             Zelikow and Rice, *Germany Unified and Europe Transformed*
             (1997), pp. 4-38.
April 25: A New World Order
Topics: The Gulf War and the Balkans

April 27: The Challenges of the Post-Cold War World
Topics: Somalia, Haiti, Rwanda, the Balkans, NATO, China

May 2: September 11 and its Aftermath
Topics: Afghanistan, Iraq

May 11: Final Examination
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.