

United States Diplomatic History Since 1914

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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:

Gaddis, John Lewis. *Strategies of Containment: A Critical Appraisal of American National Security Policy During the Cold War*. rev. and exp. ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005, 1982.

Knock, Thomas J. *To End All Wars: Woodrow Wilson and the Quest for a New World Order*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1992.

Herring, George. *America's Longest War: The United States and Vietnam, 1950-1975*. 4th ed. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2002.

Mann, James. *Rise of the Vulcans: The History of Bush's War Cabinet*. New York: Viking, 2004.

Paterson, Thomas G., et. al., *American Foreign Relations, vol. II: A History Since 1895*, 6th ed. New York: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2005.

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 listserve also exists for online discussions of class and related material. The address for the listserve 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 listserve will be provided in class. To send a message to the listserve, the listserve 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
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>American Foreign Relations</i> , pp. 1-29.
January 24:	Foreign Policy in the Progressive Era
Topics:	1898, Imperialism, Progressive Internationalism
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 33-61.
January 26:	Wilson and the American Project
Topics:	Mexican, the Caribbean, Neutrality
Readings:	Knock, <i>To End All Wars</i> , pp. 3-104.
January 31:	America Enters the War
Topics:	The United States and the Great War
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 67-87. Knock, <i>To End All Wars</i> , pp. 105-276.
February 2:	Devising the Peace
Topics:	The League Fight; Wilsonian Diplomacy and Its Legacy
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 87-101. Kennan, <i>American Diplomacy</i> (1951), pp. 91-103. Kissinger, <i>Diplomacy</i> (1994), pp. 29-55. Smith, "Wilsonianism" (2002), pp. 617-26.
February 7:	A Kind of Internationalism
Topics:	Washington System, European Debt, Latin America, Far East
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 107-25, 139-47, 151-65. Iriye, <i>Globalizing America</i> (1994), pp. 88-115. Ferrell, <i>American Diplomacy in the Great Depression</i> (1957), pp. 151-69.
February 9:	FDR and the World
Topics:	Economic Diplomacy, the Good Neighbor Policy, Isolationism
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 125-30, 165-67. Burns, <i>Roosevelt: The Lion and the Fox</i> (1963), pp. 247-63.
February 14:	From Isolationism to Internationalism
Topics:	Nanking, Munich, the N-S Pact, Lend-Lease, Pearl Harbor
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 131-33, 147-51, 173-86. Reynolds, <i>From Munich to Pearl Harbor</i> (2002), pp. 171-189.
February 16:	Mid-Term I

February 21:	Wartime Diplomacy
Topics:	Casablanca, Tehran, the Second Front, Yalta
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 186-202.
February 23:	Origins of the Cold War
Topics:	Yalta, Potsdam, the Bomb, Postwar Europe, Anti-Communism
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 202-13, 221-35. Gaddis, <i>Strategies of Containment</i> , p. 3-23.
February 28:	Establishing Containment
Topics:	Containment, Marshall Plan, Berlin Blockade, NATO
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 235-48. Gaddis, <i>Strategies of Containment</i> , pp. 24-86.
March 2:	Implementing Containment
Topics:	China, NSC-68, Rollback, the Cultural Cold War, Korea
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 248-56, 265-81. Gaddis, <i>Strategies of Containment</i> , pp. 87-124. Pells, <i>Not Like Us</i> (1997), pp. 64-93.
March 7 & 9:	No Class – Spring Break
March 14:	Managing the Alliance
Topics:	Korea, NATO, EDC, and Nuclear Weapons
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 282-95. Gaddis, <i>Strategies of Containment</i> , pp. 125-61. Gaddis, <i>We Now Know</i> , pp. 113-43.
March 16:	Globalizing Containment
Topics:	The Developing World, the Suez Crisis, Eisenhower Doctrine
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 295-308. Gaddis, <i>Strategies of Containment</i> , pp. 162-96.
March 21:	Kennedy and the Cold War
Topics:	Berlin, Cuba, Africa, and the Western Hemisphere
Reading:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 326-42. Gaddis, <i>Strategies of Containment</i> , pp. 197-234. Urquhart, “The Tragedy of Lumumba,” <i>New York Review of Books</i> , pp. 4-7.
March 23:	Vietnam
Topics:	Indochina
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 317-26, 342-46. Herring, <i>America’s Longest War</i> , pp. 3-129. Gaddis, <i>Strategies of Containment</i> , pp. 235-71.

March 28:	LBJ
Topics:	Vietnam, the Dominican Crisis, Superpower Relations
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 346-56. Herring, <i>America's Longest War</i> , pp. 131-268.
 March 30:	 Mid-Term II
 April 4:	 The Nixon Doctrine
Topics:	Vietnamization, Middle East
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 377-402. Mann, <i>Rise of the Vulcans</i> , pp. ix-xix, 1-78. Herring, <i>America's Longest War</i> , pp. 271-368. Gaddis, <i>Strategies of Containment</i> , pp. 272-306.
 April 6	 Détente
Topics:	Triangular Diplomacy, Helsinki
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 364-77. Gaddis, <i>Strategies of Containment</i> , pp. 307-41.
 April 11:	 Carter and the Moral Impulse
Topics:	Horn of Africa, Camp David, Iran, Latin America, Afghanistan
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 409-31. Mann, <i>Rise of the Vulcans</i> , pp. 79-111. Gaddis, <i>Strategies of Containment</i> , pp. 343-49.
 April 13:	 Reagan and Cold War II
Topics:	The Arms Buildup, SDI, Rollback
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp.431-54. Gaddis, <i>Strategies of Containment</i> , pp. 349-62 Kinzer, "Our Man in Honduras," <i>New York Review of Books</i> , Sept. 20, 2001, pp. 40-43.
 April 18:	 The Turn
Topics:	ABLE ARCHER, KAL 007, Beirut, Grenada, Gorbachev
Readings:	Oberdorfer, <i>The Turn</i> (1991), pp. 79-154. Mann, <i>Rise of the Vulcans</i> , pp. 112-64. Gaddis, <i>Strategies of Containment</i> , pp. 362-77.
 April 20:	 Ending the Cold War
Topics:	The Revolutions of 1989, Germany Reunified
Readings:	Paterson, et. al., <i>AFR</i> , pp. 467-71. Mann, <i>Rise of the Vulcans</i> , pp. 165-78. Gaddis, <i>Strategies of Containment</i> , pp. 377- 79. Zelikow and Rice, <i>Germany Unified and Europe Transformed</i> (1997), pp. 4-38.

- April 25:**
Topics: The Gulf War and the Balkans
Readings: Paterson, et. al., *AFR*, pp. 471-99.
Mann, *Rise of the Vulcans*, pp. 179-97.
Garton Ash, *The Magic Lantern* (1993), pp. 131-65.
- April 27:**
Topics: Somalia, Haiti, Rwanda, the Balkans, NATO, China
Readings: Paterson, et. al., *AFR*, pp. 499-509.
Mann, *Rise of the Vulcans*, pp. 198-260.
Power, *A Crisis From Hell* (2004), pp. 329-89.
- May 2:**
Topics: Afghanistan, Iraq
Readings: Paterson, et. al., *AFR*, pp. 61-67.
Mann, *Rise of the Vulcans*, pp. 261-372.
Gaddis, *Strategies of Containment*, pp. 380-91.
Sullivan, "This Is A Religious War," *The New York Times Magazine*, October 7, 2001, pp. 44-52.
- May 11:**
Final Examination
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.