

American Politics and Foreign Policy

Department: Fudan International Summer Session 2024

Course Code	POLI170007		
Course Title	American Politics and Foreign Policy		
Credit	2	Credit Hours	36+3 tutorial hours (one credit hour is 45 minutes)
Course Nature	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific General Education Courses <input type="checkbox"/> Core Courses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Education Elective Courses <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Courses in General Discipline <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Compulsory Courses <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Elective Courses <input type="checkbox"/> Others		
Course Objectives	This course aims to help students to get some basic knowledge about American politics and foreign policy. In sum, this course will deepen students' understanding of America and its relations with the outside world, thus broadening their international horizon.		
Course Description	It includes the introduction of American political thoughts, political institution, political culture and political processes; meanwhile, it will also tell students how American foreign policies are made, their strategic goals and ways to achieve these goals.		
Course Requirements:			
A basic knowledge of political science and international relations is expected. The study of this course involves attending lectures, doing presentations, discussions and Q & A. There will be no homework. Students are also encouraged to read popular press widely and observe related phenomenon in the real world and use what they learn in class to analyze it.			
Teaching Methods:			
Lectures, presentations, and group discussions			
Instructor's Academic Background:			
Dr. Wang Hao is an associate professor at the Center for American Studies of Fudan University. In 2011, he graduated from the School of International Relations, Renmin University of China and received a bachelor's degree in law (international relations). From 2014 to 2015, he was appointed as a visiting scholar in the Department of Politics of Columbia University. In 2016, he graduated from the School of International Relations, Renmin University of China and obtained a doctor's degree in law			

(international relations). In July of the same year, he entered Fudan university to teach. He won the research fund of the Shanghai Pujiang Talent Support Program in 2017, the Youth Scholar Research Fund of the Ministry of Education of China in 2019, and the Major Research Project of National Social Sciences in 2020.

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Course Schedule:

- Class 1 American Political Thoughts/ Ideologies
- Class 2 American Political Institutions
- Class 3 American Political Parties, Interest Groups and Elections
- Class 4 The Impacts of the 2016 and 2020 Elections on American Politics and the Changes of Domestic Political Ecology after Biden Took Office
- Class 5 An Introduction of American Foreign Policy/Grand Strategy since 1945
- Class 6 Understanding U.S.-China Relations: Past, Present and Future
- Class 7 The Logical Relationship between U.S. Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy
- Class 8 Students' Presentations
- Class 9 Students' Presentations
- Class 10 Students' Presentations
- Class 11 Students' Presentations
- Class 12 Final exam

The design of class discussion or exercise, practice, experience and so on:

Presentations and in-class discussions

Grading & Evaluation:

Grading:

Attendance	10%
In-Class Discussion	10%
Presentation	40%
Final Exam (Closed-book)	40%

Teaching Materials & References (Including Author, Title, Publisher and Publishing time):

American Government, by Peter Woll, 2010, 18th Edition, Pearson

Diplomacy, by Henry Kissinger, 1994, Simon and Schuster

Politics and Strategy, by Peter Trubowitz, 2011, Princeton University Press

U.S. Foreign Policy after the Cold War: Superpower without a Mission? by Michael Cox, 1995, Royal
Institute of International Affairs