

American Politics and Foreign Policy

Department: Fudan International Summer Session

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 (diplomacy). From 2014 to 2015, he was 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 (diplomacy). 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, and the Youth Scholar Research Fund of the Ministry of Education of China in 2019. Email: wanghaocas@fudan.edu.cn			

Course Schedule:

- Class 1 Introduction: American politics (including political thoughts / institutions / culture / process)
- Class 2 Introduction: American foreign policy (including American global strategy and its strategies toward the Asia-Pacific, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and Africa)
- Class 3 Links between American domestic politics and its foreign policy (the domestic political calculations of political elites when making foreign policy)
- Class 4 American political thoughts: from classical liberalism to neoliberalism
(Classical liberalism, modern liberalism, conservatism, neoliberalism)
- Class 5 American political institutions: representative democracy
(Separation of powers, the Congress, the White House, the Supreme Court)
- Class 6 American political culture
(Political participation, civil society, minimum gov., constitutionalism)
- Class 7 American political process
(Checks and balances, party system, news media, interest groups, political coalition)
- Class 8 Evolution of U.S. party politics and the meaning of Trump Phenomenon (including the changing power of each party and the reason why Trump could rise rapidly)
- Class 9 The making of American foreign policy: international and domestic factors
- Class 10 American foreign policy towards the Asia-Pacific and Europe after the cold war
- Class 11 American foreign policy towards Middle East, Latin America and Africa after the cold war
- 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	40%

Teaching Materials & References:

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

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