I. Course Description
At the dawn of the 21st century, the United States of America possesses greater economic, geopolitical, and military power than any nation in history. Such international clout, however, is relatively newfound; only a hundred years ago, the United States had just begun to exert its will, on a constant basis, on people and places outside its shores. This course will examine the extraordinary rise of the United States as an international force. Though it will focus nominally on developments since 1914, it will address dynamics which stretch back to the nation’s founding. Lectures will center on the diplomatic aspects of America’s interaction with the world and will proceed in a chronological fashion. They will also emphasize certain themes and seek to answer several questions, such as:

1) How did the United States emerge as a global power?
2) How does the rest of the world view the practice of American foreign policy?
3) Is there an “American style” of foreign policy?
4) What accounts for the evolution of U.S. foreign policy?

Lectures and in-class discussions will also evaluate the ideological, moral, economic, and cultural dimensions of U.S. foreign relations. Students will have a chance to explore those themes in detail in a term paper due near the end of the course.

II. Prerequisites
There are no formal prerequisites, but the course does assume a basic familiarity with U.S. history and world events since the first world war. Students wondering 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 will be required reading for the course:


**IV. Course Website/Listserve**

All information contained in the syllabus will be available on the course website. In addition, all readings other than those in the required texts will be available on the website in Personal Document Format (.pdf). You can access the website at:

http://faculty.virginia.edu/usdiphis

You may also participate in online discussions of class and related material via the class listserve. The address for the listserve is:

HIUS352-1@toolkit.virginia.edu

Please note that any message you send to this address will be delivered to everyone in the class. If you wish to contact the instructor directly, please use the instructor’s individual email address listed on the homepage. Password/access information for both the website and 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 (only) of the message text.

**V. Assessment**

Grades will be determined on the basis of two exams and a term paper. The weighting of those elements is as follows:

- Mid-Term Examination, **March 7**: 35%
- 10-12 page Term Paper, due **April 30**: 25%
- Final Examination, **May 3**: 40%

A description of the paper assignment will be distributed separately and will be available on the course website.
VI. Academic Misconduct

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

http://www.virginia.edu/~regist/ugradrec/chapter5/uchap5-1.1.html

VII. Overview

January 17: Introduction
January 22: Wilson and the American Project
January 24: Constructing the Peace
January 29: A Kind of Internationalism
January 31: Hoover-Stimson Diplomacy
February 5: Depression Diplomacy
February 7: Confronting Aggression
February 12: The Coming of War
February 14: Wartime Diplomacy
February 19: The Bomb and the End of WWII
February 21: The Origins of the Cold War
February 26: Establishing Containment
February 28: Implementing Containment
March 5: The Korean War
March 7: Mid-Term Exam
March 19: Managing the Alliance
March 21: Globalizing Containment
March 26: Berlin and Cuba
March 28: Kennedy and the Cold War
April 2: LBJ
April 4: Détente
April 9: The Carter Years
April 11: Reagan and the Cold War
April 16: The Turn
April 18: Ending the Cold War
April 23: A New World Order
April 25: Clintonian Foreign Policy
April 30: The War on Terrorism
May 3: Final Exam, Cabel 138, 2:00-5:00
VIII. Class and Reading Schedule

**Week 1: Overview (55 pp.)**

**January 17: Introduction**

Topics: Course overview, topics, assignments
Iriye, pp. 1-18.

**Week 2: America Ascendant (143 pp.)**

**January 22: Wilson and the American Project**

Topics: Mexican Revolution, the Caribbean, Neutrality
Readings (83 pp.): Schulzinger, pp. 38-81.
Iriye, pp. 19-57.

**January 24: Constructing the Peace**

Topics: Versailles and the League Fight
Readings (60 pp.): Schulzinger, pp. 82-124.
Iriye, pp. 58-72.

**Week 3: The Interwar Years (119 pp.)**

**January 29: A Kind of Internationalism**

Topics: Washington System, European Debt Relief, Latin America
Readings (86 pp.): Schulzinger, pp. 125-45
Iriye, pp. 73-115.
Pells, pp. 1-22.

**January 31: Hoover-Stimson Diplomacy**

Topics: London Naval Conference, Far East Crisis
Readings (38 pp.): Schulzinger, pp. 147-50.
Iriye, pp. 116-30.

**Week 4: Depression Diplomacy and the Coming of War (76 pp.)**

**February 5: Depression Diplomacy**

Topics: Economic Diplomacy, the Good Neighbor Policy, Isolationism
Readings (30 pp.): Schulzinger, pp. 150-61.

**February 7: Confronting Aggression**

Topics: Nanking, Munich, the Nazi-Soviet Pact, the Invasion of Poland
Iriye, pp. 149-69.
Pells, 22-36.
Week 5: The Second World War (68 pp.)
February 12: The Coming of War
Topics: The Fall of France, Lend-Lease, Interventionism, Pearl Harbor
Readings (37 pp.): Schulzinger, pp. 167-82.
Iriye, pp. 170-90.

February 14: Wartime Diplomacy
Topics: Casablanca, Tehran, the Second Front, Yalta
Readings (31 pp.): Schulzinger, pp. 183-97.
Iriye, pp. 191-206.

Week 6: The Emergence of the Cold War (52 pp.)
February 19: The Bomb and the End of World War II
Topics: Potsdam, Atomic Diplomacy, Controlling the Atom
Readings (15 pp.): Schulzinger, pp. 197-200.
Iriye, pp. 206-16.

February 21: Origins of the Cold War
Topics: U.S.-Soviet relationship, Postwar Europe, Anti-Communism
Readings (37 pp.): Schulzinger, pp. 201-07.
Leffler, 3-32.

Week 7: Containing Communism (111 pp.)
February 26: Establishing Containment
Topics: Containment, Marshall Plan, Berlin Blockade, NATO
Readings (51 pp.): Schulzinger, pp. 207-25.
Leffler, pp. 33-64.

February 28: The Cold War: Implementing Containment
Topics: Rollback, the CIA, the Cultural Cold War
Readings (60 pp.): Leffler, pp. 64-96.
Pells, pp. 37-63.

Week 8: The Korean War (64 pp.)
March 5: The Korean War
Topics: Chinese Communist Revolution, NSC-68, H-Bomb
Leffler, pp. 97-130.
Pells, pp. 64-86.

March 7: Mid-term
Week 9: The Militarization and Expansion of the Cold War (168 pp.)
March 19: Managing the Alliance
Topics: Germany, NATO, EDC, and Nuclear Weapons
Readings (93 pp.): Pells, 134-203.

March 21: Globalizing Containment
Topics: The Developing World, the Suez Crisis, Eisenhower Doctrine
Readings (73 pp.): Schulzinger, pp. 233-58.
Herring, pp. 3-51.

Week 10: Hot Spots (94 pp.)
March 26: Berlin and Cuba
Topics: Berlin Crises, Castro, the Cuban Missile Crisis
Readings (50 pp.): Schulzinger, pp. 259-73.
Herring, pp. 53-87.

March 28: Bearing the Burden
Topics: The Congo, Indochina, and the Alliance for Progress
Readings (44 pp.): Herring, pp. 89-129.

Week 11: Escalation and De-Escalation (279 pp.)
April 2: LBJ
Topics: The Tonkin Gulf Resolution, the Dominican Republic, Tet
Herring, pp. 131-268.

April 4: Détente
Topics: Vietnamization, Triangular Diplomacy, Middle East
Readings (125 pp.): Schulzinger, pp. 289-315.
Herring, pp. 271-368.

Week 12: The End of Détente (163 pp.)
April 9: The Carter Years
Topics: Horn of Africa, Camp David, Iran, Latin America, Afghanistan
Readings (76 pp.): Schulzinger, pp. 316-33.
Pells, pp. 205-262.

April 11: Reagan and the Cold War
Topics: The Arms Buildup, SDI, Rollback
Readings (87 pp.): Schulzinger, pp. 333-51.

**Week 13: New Thinking (111 pp.)**

**April 16: The Turn**

Topics: ABLE ARCHER, KAL 007, Beirut, Grenada
Readings (76 pp.): Oberdorfer, pp. 79-154 (available on course website in .pdf format).

**April 18: Ending the Cold War**

Topics: Bush/Baker, Gorbachev, Détente II

**Week 14 Toward the Post-Cold War World (140 pp.)**

**April 23: A New World Order**

Topics: Revolutions of 1989, Reunification of Germany, Gulf War
Readings (52 pp.): Schulzinger, pp. 352-68.

**April 25: Clintonian Foreign Policy.**

Topics: Somalia, Haiti, Rwanda, the Balkans, NATO, China
Readings (88 pp.): Schulzinger, pp. 368-83.
Pells, 263-334.

**Week 15: Crises of the Twenty-First Century (22 pp.)**

**April 30: The War on Terrorism**

Topics: Bush policies pre and post September 11
(all of the above are available on course website in .pdf format)