

## **US Foreign Policy**

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### **Course Description:**

This course falls under the heading of International Relations, but it is closely related to American politics. As such, we will analyze the interplay between domestic politics and foreign policy. The first part of the course is designed to familiarize ourselves with how presidents have made and make US foreign policy. Alongside presidential leadership and the activity of the foreign affairs bureaucracy, which is responsible for carrying out the president's policies, we will examine the role that public opinion, Congress, and media have played in the international sources of foreign policy making in the United States. We will extrapolate from and discuss issues such as the use of military force in foreign policy, the impact of public opinion, the relationship between the President and Congress on foreign policy, and the goals of US foreign policy.

A comprehensive review of some of the most significant theories, concepts and models of foreign policy—i.e., Realism, Liberalism and Internationalism—will cover the second part of the course.

The last part of the course will examine several key aspects of Order, Disorder, and Globalization. This section focuses on the rise and possibly (decline?) of America's hegemony. We will discuss why policy makers chose a particular course of action. Did the effects of these decisions on the international system help to achieve U.S. objectives? Issues such as Human Rights, Environmental Policies and American Economic Strategy will be analyzed in the context of global politics. By the end of this course students will be able to understand, analyze, and discuss the key theories, concepts, and models in the study of US Foreign Policy.