

Political Science 321

United States Foreign Policy
Professor Stephen Majeski

Syllabus

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- Winter Quarter 2010
- M-W-F 10:30-11:20
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Course Requirements

- There will be one midterm and one final exam. The first exam will account for 30% of the final course grade and the final exam will account for 40% of the final course grade. There will be one short (8 page double spaced limit) paper assignment worth 15% of the final grade [Due Friday 2/26 by 5PM]. The remaining 15% of the final course grade will be based upon individual student contributions to discussion in quiz sections. The discussion sessions have two purposes. The first is to elaborate and/or clarify materials in the reading and the lectures. The second is to provide a structured forum for discussion of current U.S. foreign policy issues. Valued contributions to discussion require being informed. I strongly urge that you read the New York Times or some "comparable: sources on a daily basis. You can view most of the New York Times for "free" on the web at <http://www.nytimes.com/>

Readings

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- **Required reading materials:**
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- The following books have been ordered and are available at the University Bookstore
- Stephen Ambrose, *Rise to Globalism (RTG)*
- David Sylvan and Stephen Majeski, *US Foreign Policy in Perspective: Clients, Enemies and Empire (CEE)*
- Andrew Bacevich, *American Empire (AE)*
- All other reading materials (except those with links to the Web) are available in a reading packet at Professional Copy and Print at 42nd and 15th Ave – denoted (Reader)

Basic Course Outline

- **I. Continuity in US Foreign Policy – Explaining Policy based upon Means rather than Ends**
- **II. The American Version of Empire**
- **III. Acquiring Clients States and Defining Enemies**
- **IV. Post World War II U.S. Foreign Policy: An Explosion in Tools and Responsibilities**
- **V. Maintaining an Empire of Clients and Dealing with Enemies**
- **VI. Recent U.S. Foreign Policy – “two takes”**
- **VII Can the US Client Empire be Sustained?**