

COURSE DETAIL

AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Maastricht University - University College Maastricht

Program(s)

University College Maastricht

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science International Studies American Studies

UCEAP Course Number

117

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

UCEAP Transcript Title

AMERCN FORGN POLICY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course educates students on the history, process, and sources of American foreign policy. The course is divided into four sections. The first section focuses on the field of foreign policy analysis as a subfield in International Relations. An overview of the various analytical perspectives on U.S. foreign policy is covered. This first section also considers the importance of examining American foreign policy in today's world. Section two concentrates on the history of U.S. foreign policy, covering such events as the Founding of the United States, World War I, the inter-war years, World War II, the making of a Superpower, the Cold War, the Post-Cold War world, September 11th, and ending with recent world events, such as the Iraq War and the Global War on Terror. Part three examines the politics and the policy-making process of American foreign policy. Topics for discussion in this section include the institutions involved in the policy-making process, such as the President, various bureaucracies like the State Department, the Department of Defense, and the CIA, plus Congress and the Courts. This section also considers the role the American public plays in the process of making U.S. foreign policy. The final part of this course studies the instruments used to implement American Foreign Policy. This section includes a discussion of America's use of open or diplomatic instruments, secret instruments, economic instruments, and also its military instruments. This final section ends with a task that discusses the future of American Foreign Policy. Prerequisites for this course include an introductory international relations or political science course and at least one intermediate-level social science course.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SSC3036

Host Institution Course Title

AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

Host Institution Campus

University College Maastricht

Host Institution Faculty

Social Sciences

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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