

History 4302 – American Diplomatic History

Spring 2015

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Text: George Herring, From Colony to Superpower: U.S. Foreign Relations Since 1776. Oxford University Press, 2008.

This class will meet weekly on Thursday night from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Del Rio unless otherwise noted. Some meeting, including Exams, will be web-based. Please see the syllabus for those dates.

All students are required to attend and participate in any discussions.

Course Requirements:

- Study and prepare for each class meeting. The instructor will post a short study guide each week that will include different terms, events, treaties and personalities.
- Each week students must submit a copy of their answers to the study guides which is a Self-Review and worth 10% of your grade. Students must submit their answers as a word document to the instructor the day before the class meeting. Be sure to bring a copy of your answers for each class meeting. Dates for submission of the word documents are as follows: Feb 4, 18, 25, Mar 25, Apr 22, 29 and May 6.
- For each class meeting, students need to bring an example of a current Foreign Policy Issue – 10% of grade. Students should bring their talking points about the issue on one sheet of paper to each class meeting. Dates for Class Meetings are as follows: Feb 5, 19, 26, Mar 26, Apr 23, 30 and May 7.
- There will be four (4) exams – see syllabus for dates. Each exam will count for 20% of your grade for total of 80%. Exams will primarily objective questions, such as multiple choice. Exams will be web-based and will be available on Blackboard from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the indicated test dates. Test dates are as follows: Feb 12, Mar 5, Apr 16 and May 14.

Class Calendar: Classes will meet from 6-9 p.m. on Thursday unless otherwise indicated.

Jan 22 – Class meets – Introductions – Orientation

Jan 29 – Web-based session – Chapters 1 & 2

Feb 5 – Class meets – Chapters 3, 4 & 5

Feb 12 – Web-based – Exam 1 over Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 available online from 6-9 p.m.

Feb 19 – Class meets – Chapters 6, 7, & 8

Feb 26 – Class meets - Chapters 9 & 10

Mar 5 – Web-based – Exam 2 over Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 available online from 6-9 p.m.

Mar 12 – Web-based – Chapter 11

Mar 19 – *Spring Break*

Mar 26 – Class meets – Chapter 12

Apr 2 – Web-based – Chapter 13

Apr 9 – Web-based – Chapters 14 & 15

Apr 16 – Web-based – Exam 3 over Chapters 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15 will be available online from 6-9 p.m.

Apr 23 – Class meets – Chapters 16 & 17

Apr 30 – Class meets – Chapters 18 & 19

May 7 – Class meets – Chapter 20 and the current issues of American Foreign Policy

May 14 – Web-based – Exam 4 over Chapters 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20 will be available online from 6-9 p.m.

Grades:

Completion of Self Reviews – 10% (100 points)

Current Issues – 10% (100 points)

Exam 1 – 20% (100 points)

Exam 2 – 20% (100 points)

Exam 3 – 20% (100 points)

Exam 4 – 20% (100 points)

Students should always check **Blackboard** for updates, etc. **DO NOT** use Internet Explorer (IE) as your browser. Mozilla and Chrome are known to work well.