

Course Syllabus: Political Science 5307: Contemporary American Foreign Policy

Midwinter 2019-Dr. Mark Saad Saka/Sul Ross State University

Required Text

Rise to Globalism: American Foreign Policy Since 1938 by Stephen E. Ambrose and Douglas G. Brinkley, Ninth Edition, 2010; Penguin Books. ISBN 978-0-14-2000494-4

Course Requirements

This is a graduate seminar in Political Science in contemporary American foreign policy. It is designed as an intense (midwinter 2019) overview of contemporary issues. The text chosen is a history of American foreign policy to provide the student with a background of contemporary development. The following requirements are necessary to successfully complete this course.

1. Check in with me by email the first day (or before) and let me know that you have read the syllabus and understand the requirements for the course.
2. Obtain the book (library, online vendor—it is not in the Sul Ross bookstore)
3. Read the book and write reviews of the chapters and turn the reviews in through blackboard on the date assigned (or before)
4. Using the historical basis of the text, you will research and write a paper of fifteen to twenty pages (MLA format) on contemporary foreign policy towards a region (such as Latin America, the Middle East, East Asia, Europe, Russia, etc.). I must approve of the topic.
5. Turn in your research paper on the assigned date or before.
6. Each assignment is worth 100 points and the final paper is worth 300 points for a total of 1000 points. 900-1000=A; 800-899=B; 700-799=C; 600-699=D; 0-599=F

Course Outline

Jan. 3-email me and let me know that you have read and understand the requirements for the course

Jan. 4-chapters 1-3 in text

Jan. 7—chapters 4-6 in text

Jan. 8-chapters 7-9 in text

Jan. 9-chapters 10-12 in text

Jan. 10-chapters 13-16 in text

Jan. 11—chapters 17-21 in text

Jan. 14-work on research paper

Jan. 15. —work on research paper

Jan. 16-work on research paper

Jan. 17-work on research paper

Jan. 22-papers due by 7:00 a.m.

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