

SYLLABUS FOR HISTORY 587

UNITED STATES FOREIGN RELATIONS SINCE WWI

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University Hall 008
Hours: TTh 3:30-4:20
or By Appointment

THREE COURSE REQUIREMENTS: a midterm exam; a research paper; a final exam

Students will be required to answer broad essay questions on both the midterm and final examinations. Students will be expected to include in their answers ideas and information drawn from the required readings as well as from the classroom lectures.

Students will be required to write a research paper dealing with some aspect of American foreign relations during the period covered in the course. Students must base their arguments on **primary** documents; secondary sources such as monographs, biographies, or scholarly articles may be used **only** to provide background information. Paper topics must be approved **in advance** by the instructor who will advise students concerning the proper scope of their project and the availability of appropriate sources. The length of the paper should be between 10 and 15 double-spaced typewritten pages. Papers will be due at the beginning of class on second to the last Thursday of the semester.

REQUIRED READINGS:

Niccolo Machiavelli
Arthur Link
Daniel Yergin

The Prince
Wilson: Revolution, War, and Peace
The Prize (Parts 1-3)

Midterm Exam

Patrick Hearden
Walter La Feber
Daniel Yergin

The Tragedy of Vietnam
Inevitable Revolutions
The Prize (Parts 4-5)

COURSE DESIGN:

Lectures on Tuesdays and every other Thursday
Discussions on the required readings every other Thursday

ATTENDANCE POLICY: attendance is not required; but it is strongly recommended

GRADING FORMULA: midterm exam 25%; research paper 25%; final exam 50%

Student performance in classroom discussions will count in borderline cases.

In the event of a major campus emergency, course requirements, deadlines and grading percentages are subject to changes that may be necessitated by a revised semester calendar or other circumstances beyond the instructor's control. In the event of a major campus emergency, please contact the professor or the Department of History.