**Antalya Bilim University**

**Department of Political Science and International Relations,**

**POLS 409**

**American Foreign and Security Policy**

**Fall 2019-2020**

Class time& Place: Thursdays, 10:30-13:20, at A2-01

Office hours: Wednesdays, 13:30-14:30 and Thursdays, 13:30-14:30

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**Course Description**

The purpose of this course is to inform students about the dynamics, underlying motivations, processes and actors of American foreign and security policy. Understanding the main schools of thought that have shaped US foreign and security policy making process and contextualizing American foreign and security policy practices within theoretical frameworks constitute other reasons why this course has been designed. The foreign and security policy choices that the United States made seem to have shaped the course and dynamics of global politics profoundly. Making sense of American foreign and security policy will reveal great insights as to the historical evolution of international relations.

**Course book**

Michael Cox and Doug Stokes, 2012. *US Foreign Policy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

**Recommended readings**

Additional reading material might be provided by the lecturer.

**Developing Graduate Attributes**

Students will be encouraged to develop the following graduate attributes by undertaking the course activities and mastering the course contents. These attributes will be assessed within the assessment tasks:

* skills involved in scholarly enquiry;
* an in-depth engagement with the international relations disciplinary knowledge;
* the capacity for analytical and critical thinking;
* the ability to engage in independent and reflective learning.

**Academic Honesty and Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. Plagiarism is a type of intellectual theft. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement. Although plagiarism is well established in Turkish educational system, you will be punished heavily if you are caught do it.

**Assessment Criteria**

1. **Attendance & Participation (15%)**: Attendance and participation make up 15 % of your overall course grade. Students are expected to read the assigned chapters and other readings before the class. They are expected to participate in class discussions, present their views and answer questions. Students are required to exhibit proper discipline, behavior, and responsibility.
2. **Midterm (30%):** Students are responsible for all class material covered until the midterm exam.
3. **Research paper (15%):** Students are required to write research projects during the term. Subjects should be related to the course content and students need to get the approval of the instructor before beginning research. The deadline for getting the approval of the instructor and submitting the final project will be announced by the instructor. Late submissions will be accepted with penalty. Failure to complete research paper will be reflected in a student's overall grade. The instructor will also inform students about how to write their research project. They need to write according to academic rules, provide footnotes and sources. Students are expected to be academically honest and refrain from plagiarism.
4. **Final exam (40%)**: This exam is cumulative and will focus on all units and topics studied throughout the course, but emphasis will be after midterm.

**Course Schedule**

WEEK 1 (16-20 Sep) General Introduction

WEEK 2 (23-27 Sep) Schools of Thought and Theories in US Foreign Policy, 5-20

WEEK 3 (30 Sep-4 Oct) American Exceptionalism and Regional Shifts in US Foreign Policy, 21-39, 144-159

WEEK 4 (7-11 Oct) US Foreign Policy, 1776-1945, 43-58

WEEK 5 (14-18 Oct) US Foreign Policy, Cold War Era, 1945-1990, 59-81

WEEK 6 (21-25 Oct) US Foreign Policy During the Post-Cold War Era, 1991-2008, 82-96, 377-391

WEEK 7 (28 Oct-1 Nov) US Foreign Policy Since 2008, 97-107

WEEK 8 (4-8 Nov) Midterm Exam

WEEK 9 (11-15 Nov) Institutions of Decision Making Process: Executive, Congress, Intelligence and Military, 111-143

WEEK 10 (18-22 Nov) Media, Public Opinion and Identities in US Foreign Policy, 160-194

WEEK 11 (25-29 Nov) Middle East in US Foreign Policy, 197-218

WEEK 12 (2-6 Dec) Europe and the European Union in US Foreign Policy, 219-238

WEEK 13 (9-13 Dec) Russia, China and Rising Asia in US Foreign Policy, 239-276

WEEK 14 (16-20 Dec) The Future of US Foreign Policy: Decline or Primacy, 392-429