American Politics and Foreign Policy

Department: Fudan International Summer Session

Course Code: POLI170007

Course Title: American Politics and Foreign Policy

Credit: 2

Experiment (including Computer) Credit

Practice Credit

Aesthetic Education Credit

Credit Hours Per Week: 3

Education on The Hard-Working Spirit Credit Hours

Language of Instruction

Honors Course: □ Yes □ No

Course Nature

Specific General Education Courses
Core Courses □ General Education
Elective Courses □ Basic Courses in
General Discipline □ Professional
Compulsory Courses □ Professional
Elective Courses □ Others

Course Objectives

This course aims to help students to get some basic knowledge about American politics and foreign policy. In sum, this course will deepen students’ understanding of America and its relations with the outside world, thus broadening their international horizon.

Course Description

It includes the introduction of American political thoughts, political institution, political culture and political processes; meanwhile, it will also tell students how American foreign policies are made, their strategic goals and ways to achieve these goals.

Course Requirements:

A basic knowledge of political science and international relations is expected. The study of this course involves attending lectures, doing presentations, discussions and Q & A. There will be no homework. Students are also encouraged to read popular press widely and observe related phenomenon in the real world and use what they learn in class to analyze it.

Teaching Methods:

Lectures, presentations, and group discussions

Course Director's Academic Background:

Instructor's Academic Background:

Dr. Wang Hao is an associate professor at the Center for American Studies of Fudan University. In 2011, he graduated from the School of International Relations, Renmin University of China and received a bachelor's
degree in law (international relations). From 2014 to 2015, he was appointed as a visiting scholar in the Department of Politics of Columbia University. In 2016, he graduated from the School of International Relations, Renmin University of China and obtained a doctor's degree in law (international relations). In July of the same year, he entered Fudan university to teach. He won the research fund of the Shanghai Pujiang Talent Support Program in 2017, the Youth Scholar Research Fund of the Ministry of Education of China in 2019, and the Major Research Project of National Social Sciences in 2020.

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**Course Schedule** (Please supply the details about each lesson):

Class 1  American Political Thoughts/ Ideologies
Class 2  American Constitution and Political Institutions
Class 3  American Political Parties, Interest Groups and Elections
Class 4  American Political Development since 2016
Class 5  An Introduction of American Foreign Policy/Grand Strategy since 1945
Class 6  Understanding U.S.-China Relations: Past, Present and Future
Class 7  The Logical Relationship between U.S. Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy
Class 8  Students’ Presentations
Class 9  Students’ Presentations
Class 10 Students’ Presentations
Class 11 Students’ Presentations
Class 12 Students’ Presentations

**The design of class discussion or exercise, practice, experience and so on:**

Presentations and in-class discussions
Grading & Evaluation (Provide a final grade that reflects the formative evaluation process):

Grading:
- Attendance: 10%
- In-Class Discussion: 10%
- Presentation: 40%
- Final Exam: 40%

Usage of Textbook: ☑ Yes (complete textbook information form below) ☐ No

Textbook Information (No more than two textbooks):

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Teaching References (Including author, title, publisher, publishing time, ISBN):

U.S. Foreign Policy after the Cold War: Superpower without a Mission? by Michael Cox, 1995, Royal Institute of International Affairs