

Syllabus [2025Year 2 Term]

Course Information

Course Title	American Foreign Policy: America’s Wars in Asia	Credits	2
Course Code	564860-1	Required/Elective (For Undergraduate Courses)	
Department or Major	College	Language	English
Methods of Teaching		Lecture Room	목3,4,5,6(국제502)
Time Allotment	Lecture(2) Experiments(0) Trainging & Practice(0) P erformance(0) Designing & Planning(0)	Cyber Lectures	
Course Type	offline		
Cyber Lectures Preview			

Lecturer

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	Field of Interest					

Course Summary

Course Description	This course traces the roots of the United States' relations with Asia since contact in the 19th century. In 1898, with the colonization of the Philippines after the Spanish–American War, America became enmeshed in Asian politics. America’s role in Asia has been characterized by both cooperation and conflict over the last 125 years. This course seeks to take a multi-disciplinary approach to looking at the US role in Asia since the colonization of the Philippines, paying particular attention to America’s military actions from the Philippines to Afghanistan and examining the long-term consequences for both the United States and Asia.
Description Related Courses	
Course Goals	This course aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the United States' military, political, and economic involvement in the region, particularly from the late 19th century to the present. It examines the historical context, key conflicts, and the evolving relationship b

	etween the US and various Asian nations, with a focus on the impact of these conflicts on both the US and Asia.
Projected Results	Students will understand the models of foreign policy decision-making and the United States' role in Asia from the beginning of the 19th century to today.
Percentage of the original language classes(%)	This course is taught in English.
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Times	Lecture Topic	Lecture Goals	Lecture Methods	Assignments
1	Introduction	Get to know each other and explain the structure of the class, determine assessment methods		Read syllabus
2	Theories of International relations and the United States foreign policy-making institutions	Provide an understanding of realist and idealist perspectives on foreign policy and familiarize students with foreign policy-making institutions and powers and their evolution in the United States		Bruce Jentleson, American Foreign Policy, Chapter 2
3	Foreign Policy Decision-Making Models	To provide students with an understanding of the basic models of foreign policy decision-making		Graham Allison, The Essence of Decision, Selected chapter
4	America's entry into Asia: The Perry Expedition, China, and the Shiminyangyo	To provide an understanding of the motivations and early contact of the American military in Asia		Selected articles
5	The Spanish-American War, America's colonization of the Philippines, and the Philippine American War.	To provide students with an understanding of the colonization of the Philippines.		Stanley Karnow selected excerpts
6	Japanese Imperialism and the Lead up to WWII	TO provide students with an understanding of Japanese actions in the Lead up to WWII		Selected Articles
7	WWII from Pearl Harbor to the atomic bomb	To provide students with an understanding of the progression		Selected Readings

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		n of WWII after the United States' entry.		
8	Mid-term Exam			
9	The Korean War	To provide students with an understanding of the origins and conduct of the Korean War		Bruce Cummings, selected articles
10	The Korean War (continued)			
11	Drugs and War	To provide students with an understanding of the often-conflicting goals of the foreign and domestic policies of the United States.		Alfred McCoy, The Politics of Heroin, Selected Chapter
12	Vietnam	To provide students with an understanding of the origins and conduct of the Vietnam War		Selected articles
13	Afghanistan	To provide students with an understanding of the origins and conduct of the War on Terror and Afghanistan.		Steve Coll, Ghost Wars, selected Chapter
14	Concluding thoughts and future challenges			
15	Final			

Methods of Grading

sequence	Description	Percentage	Details
1	Mid-term Exam	20%	
2	Final-exam	30%	
3	Pop Quizzes	0%	
4	Assignments	30%	
5	Reports	0%	
6	Presentations & Discussions	10%	
7	Attendance	10%	
8		0%	
All		100%	

sequence	Description	Percentage	Details
9	Others	0%	
All		100%	

Core of Value

핵심가치	핵심역량	하위역량	역량정의	역량구분	값 (%)
혁신 (Discovery)	문제해결 (Deliberation)	분석력 창의력 종합적 사고력	문제상황을 명확하게 이해하고 체계적으로 분석하여 창의적으로 해결할 수 있는 능력		0%
혁신 (Discovery)	전문지식 (Knowledge)	탐구능력 논리적 사고력 전문지식/기술	전공분야 지식과 기술, 그리고 관련된 다양한 정보를 활용하여 논리적으로 사고하고 탐구하는 역량		0%
헌신 (Dedication)	세계시민 (Universal value)	외국어능력 다문화 수용능력 공감능력	세계 각지의 다양한 언어, 문화, 역사에 대한 이해를 바탕으로 글로벌 이슈에 대응할 수 있는 능력		0%
헌신 (Dedication)	협력.헌신 (Dedication)	대인관계능력 협업 능력 공동체 의식	공통의 목적과 가치를 위해 개방적인 태도와 균형 잡힌 시간으로 서로 돕고 헌신할 수 있는 능력		0%
능동 (self-Determination)	자기주도 (maNagement)	독립성 성찰 능력 자기개발능력	자기 스스로 목표를 세우고 목표를 달성하기 위해 주체적으로 실천할 수 있는 능력		0%
능동 (self-Determination)	의사소통 (Articulation)	표현력 이해력 조정력	언어 또는 다양한 매체를 활용하여 다른 사람들과 효과적으로 상호작용할 수 있는 능력		0%

Textbook(s) & References

Descrip tion	Title	Author	Publisher
no result			

Memo

As part of the first class, students and the professor will collaboratively determine the components and value of course assessment.

The class will use selected readings and articles from both scholarly sources and the popular press, as well as selected book chapters.