

## SYLLABUS DE COURS / ACADEMIC SYLLABUS

### American Foreign Policy

#### Intitulé du cours / Course title

Discipline <i>Academic field</i>	History, Geopolitics, International relations
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Niveau de formation <i>Academic level</i>	International Students
Volume horaire <i>Hours</i>	20
Langue <i>Language</i>	english

#### Description du cours / Course outline

The course main goal is to give students the tools to understand US foreign Policy since 1945, by underlining its key structures, ideologies and issues.

It explores America superpower during the Cold War, US unipolar moment after the fall of the Soviet Union and the new reconfiguration of the crumbling US-led world order.

The course will begin with an analysis of the ideological and bureaucratic foundations of American foreign policy, before adopting a historical perspective covering the period from the Cold War to Donald Trump second term. Finally it will end with multiple case studies.

#### Objectifs pédagogiques du cours / Course objectives

- Understand the frameworks within which foreign policy is developed
- Identify the major political and diplomatic strategies adopted by the US since 1945
- Recognize the key actors and institutions shaping US foreign policy
- Understand US historical position within the international community

#### Compétences acquises / Learning outcomes

- Knowledge about different actors & issues connected with US Foreign Policy
- Understanding the different interactions and temporalities of these actors
- Analyses of international crises involving US

1. The United States policy makers and alliance systems: *Decision-making structures, strategic culture, and global partnerships*
2. The United States military power, nuclear arsenal and the intelligence community: *Hard power, deterrence, and global surveillance*
3. The United States and Cold War: *Ideological confrontation and bipolar world order*
4. The United States from the End of the Cold War to 2024: *Unipolar moment, strategic overstretch, and emerging challenger*
5. The United States and Latin America: *A perpetual Monroe doctrine?*
6. The United States and Asia: *containment strategies, power projection and Indo-Pacific competitions*
7. The United States and the Middle East: *Oil, war and necessary allies*
8. The United States and Europe: *A (mis)trusted transatlantic partnership*
9. Contemporary U.S. Policies
10. US foreign policy towards France

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Références bibliographiques / Bibliography

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Michael Mandelbaum, *The four ages of American Foreign Policy*, Oxford University Press, 2022.

Daniel Immerwahr. *How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States*, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2019.

Ionut C. Popescu Title: *Emergent Strategy and Grand Strategy: How American Presidents Succeed in Foreign Polics*, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2017.

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Mini CV de l'enseignant / Mini CV of the teacher

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Alessandro Cecchini is a PhD candidate in Contemporary History and International Relations at Aix-Marseille University, jointly affiliated with Sciences Po Aix and the University of Padua. His research focuses on French and Italian foreign policy, with particular attention to security perceptions and cooperation dynamics. His main areas of interest include the Mediterranean region, the Arab and Muslim world and actors within foreign policy-making structures.