Week 1 (7 Feb): Introduction, Administration, Theory 1

NOTE: Drop/Add deadline is 13 Feb

- Self-introductions: background, aspiration, why course
- Course introduction:
  o Structure: Seminar – discussion
  o Theory, Historical cases, current cases
  o Focus on war/avoidance of war; confrontational cases
  o Case country team; Midterm policy info paper; final policy decision paper
- Case Study selection and team assignments

- Theory 1
  o Study of War and liberal education
  o History, historiography, culture, national security, policy, and strategy
  o History-culture and policy and strategy

- READINGS
    • Vol. II National Security Policy and Strategy

Week 2 (14 Feb): Theory 2

- Theory 2
  o What is war?
  o Historical-Cultural dimensions of the U.S.
  o Formulating policy and strategy

- READINGS
  o Carl Von Clausewitz, *On War*, Michael Howard and Peter Paret, eds. and translators, (Princeton 1976), pp. 75-89 (Book I, Chap. 1: What is War?).
Week 3 (21 Feb): Theory 3

- Theory 3
  - Elements of Power
  - Enduring features and concepts of U.S. national security
  - U.S. national security policy and strategy
  - U.S. national security system and process

- READINGS
  - Presidential Directive (PD) guide. (SCAN)
Week 4 (28 Feb): Historical Case Study – USSR and the Cold War 1945-1991

NOTE: Readings for Weeks 4-6 (historical case studies) are not yet firm and under review.

WW II to Cold War – America becomes a National Security State

- **READINGS**
  - Guide to historical case studies


George Kennan, “The Long Telegram” (original; not required, but recommended for a glance/skim; this is the 1946 cable from Moscow to Washington that Kennan turned into the 1947 “X” article in 1947).

Ernest May, ed., *Interpreting NSC-68*, Introduction, pp. 1-17, Chapter 2, pp. 94-107, Chapter 4, pp. 130-150.

John Lewis Gaddis, “Was the Truman Doctrine a Real Turning Point?” *Foreign Affairs*, Jan 1974, pp. 386-402.

NSC-68

Wikipedia article, “History of Russia,” from “Alexander II and the abolition of serfdom” to “The Khrushchev and Brezhnev years.” (Reference only)

Wikipedia article, “Historiography in the Soviet Union”

Wikipedia article, “History of the Soviet Union 1917-1991” (Reference only)

**Week 5 (7 Mar): Historical Case Study – Vietnam 1963-1968**

- **READINGS**
  - Guide to historical case studies
  - Mark Phillip Bradley, *Vietnam at War* (Oxford, 2009)

**Week 6 (14 Mar): Historical Case Study – Iraq 2003, Afghanistan 2001-present**

- **READINGS**
  - Guide to historical case studies
  - Bacevich, *Washington Rules*, Chapter 4, pp. 146-181
  - Wikipedia article, “History of Iraq,” skim pre 20th century, read 20th century to present.
Weeks 7 (21 Mar) thru 12 (2 May): Current Case Studies #1 thru #6

CASE STUDY SUBJECT TO BE DETERMINED ON DAY 1.
READINGS TO BE DETERMINED AT LEAST 2 WEEKS PRIOR.

Week 7 (21 Mar): Current Case Study #1

NOTE: Midterm policy information paper due by 6 PM by e-mail.

Week 8 (4 Apr): Current Case Study #2

NOTE: 8 Apr is last day to declare Pass/No Pass (PNP) option

Week 9 (11 Apr): Current Case Study #3

Week 10 (18 Apr): Current Case Study #4

Week 11 (25 Apr): Current Case Study #5

Week 12 (2 May): Current Case Study #6

Week 13 (9 May): Reflection, Future

(NO1E: If you wish to submit a draft version of your paper submit by midnight 10 May (by e-mail) and it will be returned to you by 14 May)

- READINGS
  o Andrew J. Bacevich, Washington Rules, Chapter 6, pp. 222-250.
  o The World in 2030
6 PM 17 May: Final paper due (by e-mail).