

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

1.	Program	BS Political Science
2.	Title	Foreign Policy Analysis
3.	Semester	
4.	Code	BS -PS425
5.	Rating	03 credit hours
6.	Type	Optional Course
7.	Pre-requisites	
8.	Introduction	<p>This course aims to familiarize students with the process by which foreign policy is made. In exploring this question, the course takes students on a tour through the corpus of thought on foreign policy. Broadly speaking, the course follows traditional level of understanding regarding the concept of foreign policy and its determinants, beginning with the systemic or structural level, where we examine constraints on foreign-policy making such as balance of power considerations and alliance structures. We also consider systemic sources of foreign policy, including transnational social networks, multi-national corporations, Diasporas, epistemic communities, global norms, and the democratic peace. We then move to the state level to investigate the influence of domestic factors such as regime type, government veto players, bureaucratic and organizational politics, sub-state interest groups, public opinion and media, as well as cultural factors. Finally, we move to individual-level factors that influence foreign policy decision-making, including cognitive maps, leadership traits, psychological factors, perceptions, and beliefs. Rather than offering a definitive answer to the question of how foreign policy is made, students will be encouraged to consider a number of possible sources and interactions among these sources. Students will also be asked to evaluate alternative accounts for a given foreign policy in order to construct the most plausible explanation for it. The course focuses largely on American foreign policy, as this literature is largely U.S.-based. However, we will also examine foreign policy-making in Pakistan, China, India and the US. In the final weeks of the class, students will have a chance to apply the principles of foreign policy in an international system negotiations simulation.</p>
9.	Objectives	<p>The goals of the course are threefold. First, it aims to familiarize students with the principal alternative approaches to foreign policy as a field related to, but distinct from, international relations. Second, it enables students to participate in and contribute to contemporary debates on foreign policy-making using theoretically-</p>

		informed empirical analysis. Finally, it uses in-class simulations to assist students in applying concepts and theories of foreign policy analysis to real world policy settings.																										
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11.	Outcome	After learning this course students would be able to make analysis of foreign policy on efficient lines.																										
12.	Recommended Books / Reference																											

Assessment Criteria:

Requirements	
Assignments/Quizzes/Project/Case Study/Team Presentations	
Mid-Term Exam	
Final Term Exam	