

## POL90007 US Foreign Policy

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week. If enrolments exceed 30, the 2nd hour of the seminar may be split into 2 or 3 small classes. Total Time Commitment: 10
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Admission to the Master of International Politics, Postgraduate Diploma / Certificate in Arts (Political Science) or (International Politics), or Honours in Political Science or International Studies, or the Master of International Relations.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	none
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	Politics and International Studies at Undergraduate level
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	none
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: <a href="http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/">http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/</a>
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	This subject will address key questions for evaluating American leadership since 1989. We will look specifically at the leadership offered by George Bush snr., Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. How different is the approach taken by these presidents towards Iraq, ethnic cleansing, refugees, global warming and the challenge of the Middle East? We will also look at the way that the US has related to other major powers, such as to the People's Republic of China, the Soviet Union and Europe as well as the role it has played within the United Nations.
<b>Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># understand the way in which foreign policy decisions are made in the US.</li> <li># be able to communicate oral and written arguments and ideas effectively and articulately.</li> <li># be familiar with the major problems that have confronted the US in the post-Cold War period.</li> <li># be able to develop persuasive arguments on a given topic dealing with issues in American foreign policy.</li> <li># have undertaken competent research into a foreign policy problem of major importance.</li> <li># be familiar with the most recent literature dealing with American foreign policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	A written essay of 5000 words (100%) due during the examination period.
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	A subject reader will be available for purchase from the University Bookshop.
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	# be able to apply research skills and critical methods to a field of inquiry;

	# be able to develop persuasive arguments on a given topic; # be able to communicate oral and written arguments and ideas effectively and articulately.
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Master of International Politics Master of International Relations Master of International Studies Master of Islamic Studies Postgraduate Diploma in Islamic Studies
<b>Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:</b>	International Politics International Politics International Studies Political Science Political Science Political Science