

POL90007 US Foreign Policy

Credit Points:	12.5
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2016, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: July, Parkville - Taught on campus. This subject will run from 9am until 5pm on the scheduled days
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: This subject is comprised of seminars and workshops delivered as an intensive over four consecutive days (approx 30 hours total) Total Time Commitment: Total of 170 hours
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Politics and International Studies at Undergraduate level
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	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: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	This subject examines the formation and conduct of US foreign policy. It explores the actors, ideas, interests and institutions that shape US foreign policy, including the role of the President, the Executive branch, Congress, interest groups, lobbies, and political culture, including debates about American exceptionalism. It also examines competing theories of US foreign policy making and explores a range of case studies in the areas of security, interventionism, and democracy promotion.
Learning Outcomes:	On completion of this subject students should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have a critical understanding of the actors, ideas, interests and institutions that shape US foreign policy; # have a critical understanding of competing theories of US foreign policy making; # have a critical understanding of key areas of US foreign policy; # have a critical understanding of debates about US power and the US's changing role in the world.
Assessment:	A 700 word group briefing paper (10%) due during the intensive teaching period. 2 x 700 word briefing papers (10% each) due after the intensive teaching period. A 3000 word essay (70%) due at the beginning of September. Hurdle requirement: As this is an Intensively-taught subject, Lecture/Seminar attendance is compulsory for all classes. All pieces of written work must be submitted to pass this subject. Regular participation in class is required.
Prescribed Texts:	A subject reader will be available.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees

Generic Skills:	On completion of this subject students should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"># 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.
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	100 Point Master of International Relations 100 Point Master of Islamic Studies 150 Point Master of Islamic Studies 200 Point Master of International Relations 200 Point Master of Islamic Studies