History 333M (39570)
US Foreign Relations, 1914 - Present
Spring 2011. W 3-6. WCH 1.120
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Teaching assistants ***

Topic and themes: The course will cover the history of American foreign relations, with an emphasis on the twentieth century. It will focus on two questions: How have Americans defined, and redefined, their national interests? Why has a nation that professes to love peace gone so often to war?

Prerequisites: None

Required books
H. W. Brands. Woodrow Wilson. ISBN 0805069550
Melvyn P. Leffler. The Specter of Communism. 0809015749
Mark Atwood Lawrence. The Vietnam War. 0199753938
Bob Woodward. The Commanders. 0743234758
Andrew J. Bacevich. The Limits of Power. 0805088156

Required documents: On Blackboard

Supplementary book (not required)
Robert D. Schulzinger, *U.S. Diplomacy since 1900*

Papers: Two 1000-word essays answering the two basic questions of the course. Students will be expected to integrate lectures, discussions, and readings. A draft of either paper will be due on November 3. The final versions of both papers will be due on December 5. Late papers will incur a penalty of 10 points per paper per day. **40 points each**

Document summaries: Four 250-word summaries of four documents for the course. Students will identify the main points and set in context. **5 points each**

Attendance: Regular attendance is expected. Attendance per se will not be part of the semester grade, but students who perform well in class will receive the benefit of grading doubt.

Academic accommodations: The University of Texas at Austin provides upon request appropriate academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. For more information contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 471-6259, 471-6441 TTY.

Schedule
J 19.Roosevelt Corollary
J 26. Wilson's Fourteen Points (also Brands book)
F 2. Kellogg-Briand Treaty
F 9. Atlantic Charter
F 16. Yalta communiqué (and Leffler)
F 23. Kennan's X article
M 2. Doolittle report
M 9. Gulf of Tonkin resolution (and Lawrence)
M 23. Principles of détente. **1 draft paper and 2 document summaries due**
M 30. Iran-Contra report
A 6. George H. W. Bush's "new world order" (and Woodward)
A 13. Huntington, "Clash of Civilizations?"
A 20. George W. Bush's National Security Strategy (and Bacevich)
A 27. Obama on Afghanistan
M. 4. **2 final papers and 2 more document summaries due**