

# POLI 3004 AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY SINCE 1945

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 100985

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**Description** This unit will analyse both the major international issues and crises which America confronted after 1945 and how successive American presidents and their policy makers responded to these problems

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** Political Science

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** LGYB 4964 - American Foreign Policy LGYA 0954 - American Foreign Policy Since 1945

**Restrictions** Successful completion of 60 credit points of study in currently enrolled program.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate skills in oral expression developed by discussing and debating key issues, episodes and themes related to American foreign policy since 1945
2. Develop and expound an argument in written form
3. Conduct research and demonstrate a depth of knowledge and analysis of particular themes, issues or aspects of American foreign policy from 1945
4. Discuss and critically analyse primary texts and other literature related to the subject
5. Explain and evaluate the themes and issues examined in American foreign policy since 1945
6. Demonstrate a familiarity with a range of theoretical approaches to explorations of American foreign policy
7. Understand and interpret the crucial importance of the Presidency in making US foreign policy

## Subject Content

The Presidency and American Foreign Policy  
 The Truman Doctrine  
 The Marshall Plan  
 NATO  
 The Occupation of Japan  
 The Korean War  
 Eisenhower, Dulles and American hegemony  
 Kennedy's New Frontier  
 The Cuban Missile Crisis  
 Nixon and the end of the Vietnam War  
 Sino-US rapprochement  
 Israel, Oil and Real Politik  
 Reagan and the Evil Empire

Bush and the New World Order  
 Clinton, Human Rights, Democracy, World Markets and Dirty Little Wars  
 The US and the United Nations  
 George W. Bush - new departures and new problems

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
Essay	2,000 words	40	N	Individual
Short Essay	1000 words	20	N	Individual
Take Home Exam	72 hour period to submit short essay responses to Turnitin	40	N	Individual

Prescribed Texts

- Jerald A.Combs,The History of American Foreign Policy from 1895, Routledge, 4th edition, 2013.

Teaching Periods