

# American Foreign Policy: America's Wars in Asia

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Class time	Afternoon

**Course Description:**

This course traces the roots of United States relations with Asia since contact in the 19th century. In 1898 with the colonization of the Philippines after the Spanish American war, America became enmeshed in Asian politics. America's role in Asia has been characterized by both cooperation and conflict over the last 125 years. This course seeks to take a multi-disciplinary approach to looking at the US role in Asia since the colonization of the Philippines paying particular attention to America's military actions from the Philippines to Afghanistan.

**Materials/Text:**

A variety of articles and book chapters will be assigned and available for students to download.

**Requirements:**

None

**Schedule:**

- Session 1 Introduction
- Session 2 Foreign Policy Institutions
- Session 3 Foreign Policy Decision-making process
- Session 4 America's Entry into Asia-The Spanish American War and the colonization of the Philippines
- Session 5 Field trip Korean Provisional Government Museum and Seo Dae Mun Prison Museum
- Session 6 WWII in Asia
- Session 7 Field Trip National Museum of Contemporary Korean History
- Session 8 The US and Korea to 1953
- Session 9 Field Trip Korean War Memorial
- Session 10 The US and Korea from 1953
- Session 11 Drugs and War
- Session 12 Vietnam
- Session 13 Afghanistan
- Session 14 Conclusion-Tying it all together
- Session 15 Final Exam

**Assignments:**

- Final Exam
- Reflection Paper
- Class Participation
- Video Worksheets

**Evaluation:**

- Final Exam – 35%
- Reflection Paper – 15%
- Class Participation – 25%
- Video Worksheets – 25%