

American Foreign Policy: America's Wars in Asia

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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:

Final Exam – 40%

Field Trip Reflections - 20%

Class Participation - 20%

Video Worksheets – 20%

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 Museum of the Korean Provisional Government and Seo Dae Mun Prison

Session 6 WWII in Asia

Session 7 The US and Korea to 1953

Session 8 Field Trip: The Korean War Memorial

Session 9 The US and Korea from 1953

Session 10 Field Trip: Museum of Korean Democracy

Session 11 Drugs and War

Session 12 Vietnam

Session 13 Afghanistan

Session 14 Conclusion-Tying it all together

Session 15 Final Exam

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Evaluation:

>90% - A
80-89% - B
70-79% - C
60-69% - D
<60% - F