This course will focus on American diplomacy, concentrating on the Post-WWII period. We will explore America’s role in the world with regard to security issues, economic development, and human rights. We will examine U.S. engagement in international organizations like the UN, NATO, the WTO, among others. We will discuss consistencies and inconsistencies in U.S. foreign policy while we study the Trump presidency in detail.

Students will be required to give short oral presentations throughout the semester as they describe and analyze current international news events. A brief presentation of student course papers’ theses will occur in the last weeks of the semester.

The course paper should run between 10 and 15 pages in length (double-spaced, one-sided). Students must indicate their paper topic by March 15, choosing from the following possibilities:

A) A review of William Appleton Williams’s THE TRAGEDY OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY (1959)
B) U.S. Relations with (pick one): China, Russia, North Korea
C) U.S. Policy toward (pick one): The World Bank, The International Monetary Fund, NAFTA

Recommended resources for oral news summaries (and papers) include the following:
A) BBC World News  
B) NY Times  
C) Washington Post  
D) The Economist  
E) Foreign Affairs  
F) CNN  
G) State.gov  
H) CIA.gov  
I) UN.org  
J) Morris Library: U.S. Diplomacy; International Relations

Required Textbook: To Be Announced

The final grade for this course will be based on oral presentations (50%) and the course paper (50%). Grades will be determined numerically: 90-100: A- to A+; 79-89: B- to B+. 