

**History 377/577**  
**U.S. Foreign Relations 1750-1914**  
**Fall 2015**

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Office Hours:  
TR: 2:00-3:00 PM  
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or by appointment

This course explores America's international interactions from the colonial period to World War I. We will analyze the role of the United States in the world, its wars, its territorial expansion, and its overseas commitments. Students will consider how early American policies set the stage for U.S. foreign policy today.

**Required Reading:**

Thomas Paterson et. al. *American Foreign Relations, Volume I: To 1920*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition, 2010. (Available at Text Rental)

Joseph T. Glatthaar and James Kirby Martin, *Forgotten Allies: The Oneida Indians and the American Revolution*, 2006. (Available for purchase at the university bookstore)

Anders Stephanson, *Manifest Destiny: American Expansion and the Empire of Right*, 1995. (Available for purchase at the university bookstore)

**Exams and Grading:**

Two Exams (10% each)	20%
Forgotten Allies Paper	20%
Manifest Destiny Paper	20%
The USA and the Great War Project	20%
Participation	20%

Improvement will be taken into account for the course grade.

**Exams:**

The exams will consist of short-answer identifications of important terms, events, and people in the history of U.S. foreign relations. Students must provide definitions, dates, and significances. Study guides will be handed out in advance. Make-up exams will be administered only to those students who have made previous arrangements.

## Papers:

*Forgotten Allies* Paper: Students will answer one of two questions handed out a week in advance. The paper should be five pages long, typed, and double-spaced. It is due by 2 PM on Monday, October 5, at 471 CCC.

*Manifest Destiny* Paper: Students will analyze the influence of ideas about manifest destiny on the foreign policy of Woodrow Wilson. The paper should be five pages long, typed, and double-spaced. It is due by 2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 18.

## The Great War Project:

Students working in groups will research and present to the class on the debate over U.S. foreign policy regarding the Great War. For background, read pages 270-287 in the textbook. The 15-minute presentation will draw on primary and secondary sources. Ten percent of the grade will be on the presentation. Ten percent of the grade will be on the 2-3 page paper each student will write on his or her own primary and secondary source research which contributed to the group presentation. This paper is due at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, December 9.

## Participation:

Students may earn participation points in a number of ways. Any points that a student earns beyond 20 will count as extra credit toward the course grade.

Individual Participation: 0-10

In-class group discussion and informal presentations: 0-10

Attendance: Perfect: 5

1 absence: 3

2 absences: 1

Optional written answers to discussion questions (hand in at the beginning of class): 0-16

Students are expected to attend class regularly and are responsible for all material covered in class. Please be courteous. Turn off cell phones. No texting. Do not arrive late or leave early. Do not eat snacks unless you bring enough for everyone.

## Equity of Educational Access:

Students with learning and/or physical disabilities requiring special accommodations should provide appropriate documentation to the UWSP Office of Disability Services as early as possible in the semester. Disability Services office, 103 Student Services Center, tel. (715) 346-3365, <http://www.uwsp.edu/special/disability/studentinfo.htm>

### Student Academic Misconduct:

Cheating and other forms of student academic misconduct will not be tolerated in this class. They are a mark of disrespect to your peers, your instructor, your university, and yourself. Students who violate university policy on this matter will be subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failing this course. Please consult Chapter 14 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, "Student Academic Standards and Disciplinary Procedures" (<http://www.uwsp.edu/admin/stuaffairs/rights/rightsChap14.pdf>) for more information on what types of activities are considered "academic misconduct" and what the disciplinary sanctions are for students who engage in them.

### Rights and Responsibilities:

Students should know their rights and responsibilities. See <http://www.uwsp.edu/admin/stuaffairs/rights/>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
9/5	Introduction	
9/9	The American Revolution .....	<i>American Foreign Relations</i> , 1-34; <i>Forgotten Allies</i> , Chapters 1-4
9/16	The U.S. and the World at War, 1790-1815, Part I.....	<i>American Foreign Relations</i> , 38-56; <i>Forgotten Allies</i> , Chapters 5-9
9/23	The U.S. and the World at War, 1790-1815, Part II .....	<i>American Foreign Relations</i> , 56-77; <i>Forgotten Allies</i> , Chapters 10-13
9/30	No Class/Writing Day	
	<b><i>Forgotten Allies</i> Paper due by 2:00 PM on Monday, October 5, at 471 CCC</b>	
10/7	Westward Expansion and the War with Mexico .....	<i>American Foreign Relations</i> , 128-141; <i>Manifest Destiny</i> , Chapter 1

10/14	Westward Expansion and Asia .....	<i>American Foreign Relations,</i> 141-147; <i>Manifest Destiny,</i> Chapter 2
<b>10/21</b>	<b>Midterm Exam</b>	
10/28	The Civil War and U.S. Foreign Policy.....	<i>American Foreign Relations,</i> 148-161; <i>Manifest Destiny,</i> 66-87
11/4	Global Expansion .....	<i>American Foreign Relations,</i> Chapter 5; <i>Manifest Destiny,</i> 87-111
11/11	American Imperialism .....	<i>American Foreign Relations,</i> Chapter 6; <i>Manifest Destiny,</i> 112-121
11/18	The USA and “New World Order” .....	<i>American Foreign Relations,</i> Chapter 7
	<b>Manifest Destiny Paper Due</b>	
11/25	Great War Project/No Class Happy Thanksgiving	
12/2	The Future of Manifest Destiny .....	<i>American Foreign Relations,</i> Chapter 8; <i>Manifest Destiny,</i> 121-129
12/9	The USA and the Great War Project.....	Class Presentations

**Great War Project Essay**  
**Due by 2 PM Monday, December 14 at 471 CCC**

**Final Exam**  
**December 18, Monday, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

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PLEASE NOTE: Topics and schedule and subject to change.