The general goal of this senior seminar is to familiarize students with the thrust and implications of contemporary American and Chinese foreign policy. Specific goals are to provide understanding of the complex relationship between the two giants and its implications for regional stability and to explore U.S. and Chinese foreign policy objectives in Asia, the Middle East and Europe along with the means by which each country hopes to achieve its objectives. Contemporary issues of interest such as each state’s policy toward Taiwan, North Korea, Iraq and Iran will be highlighted.

In Part I of the course, general U.S. foreign policy goals, power resources and the foreign policy making apparatus are presented, followed by a review of selected foreign policies on a regional basis. Materials for this section include chapters of relevant books and current articles from scholarly journals. In the second part of the course students receive a brief introduction to modern Chinese history, culture, ideology and the political system before readings from the major texts, *China as a Great Power: Myths, Realities and challenges in the Asia-Pacific Region* (1997) by Klintworth and Stuart and Nathan and Ross’ *The Great Wall and the Empty Fortress: China’s Search for Security* (1997) are assigned. These readings are supplemented by current scholarly writings on contemporary Chinese foreign policy drawn from a variety of journals.

Students are expected to familiarize themselves with the readings for discussion purposes and attend the weekly sessions regularly. Class participation and special reading assignments count 20% of the course grade, an examination on American and Chinese foreign policy issues counts 30%, and a term paper whose topic must be approved by the professor and presented to the class, forms 50% of the course grade.

Course Syllabus - Part I – U.S. Foreign Policy

1. Organizational session.

3. How America does it – an assessment of policy resources.

Look for US Primacy article.

4. Morality in U.S. foreign policy – Humanitarian Intervention and “Making the World safe for democracy”

5. Middle Eastern policy and the special U. S. relationship with Israel

6. After 9/11 - American Unilateralism
7. American interests in Asia and Chinese policy.

8. One hour Exam.

PART II – Chinese Foreign Policy


10. The internal dynamics of CCP rule and China’s power resources.

11. The Sino-American Relationship from the Chinese perspective and defense policy issues.
Nathan and Ross, Ibid, chs. 5, 8, Harris and Klintworth., chs. 5, 13, 14.
Assignments for individual reports from Mann, James’*About Face: A History of America’s Curious Relationship with China, From Nixon to Clinton* (N.Y.: Knopf, 1999), Chs. 1, 11-12, 18, James Lilley and David Shambaugh, eds, *China’s Military Faces the Future*, (Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, 1999) chs. 3-6 - individual reports.
12. China and Taiwan.
Harris and Klintworth, ch., 12, Nathan and Ross ch. 9. Lilley and Shambaugh, Ch. 5. Paper topics presented and discussed.

13. China’s relationship with India, Tibet and the Koreas

14. Russia, Japan and the PRC
Harris and Klintworth Chs. 6, 7. Lilley and Shambaugh Chs. 9, 11

15. China as an emerging power – future trajectories.
Concluding chapters of Harris and Klintworth, Nathan and Ross and Lilley and Shambaugh. One hour exam