What is the meaning of diplomacy? How has its practice evolved in response to a changing world? What are the special characteristics of the American way of conducting diplomacy and do they benefit or harm the nation’s interests? In addition to readings, I shall draw on my experiences during thirty-six years in the Foreign Service in the hope of shedding further light on these issues.

Requirements

Mid-term essay outlining proposed term research paper and reason(s) for your choice of topic .... 20%
Attendance and participation in class discussions .......... 40%
Term research paper.......................................................... 40%

Texts

Selected writings will be on E-Reserve.

Reading Assignments

October 18   Introduction


October 20   History, Theory and Practice of Diplomacy

          Freeman, *Arts of Power*, pp. 99-128

October 25   The American Way of Diplomacy: Structure and Practice

October 27  The American Way of Diplomacy: Expertise as an Ingredient

U.S. Relations with China, 1944-49, Department of State, 1949, pp. 901-922.

November 1  The American Way of Diplomacy: The Role of the Military

Eisenhower, Military and Industrial Speech, 1961
Kennan, The Cloud of Danger, pp. 3-18.

November 3  The Use and Misuse of Intelligence

Kahin, Subversion as Foreign Policy, University of Washington Press, 1995, pp. 3-19.

November 8  When Ideology Confronts Reality

November 10  The Present


November 15  Peering Ahead