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 16  Introduction

October 18  Theory and Practice of Diplomacy
Freeman, Arts of Power, pp. 99-128
Hedges, “War is a Force That Gives Us Meaning,” pp. 1-19; 43-61; 142-156.

October 23  The American Way of Diplomacy: Structure and Practice
Kopp and Gillespie, Career Diplomacy: Life and Work in the U.S. Foreign Service, pp. 3-33.
Kennan, Cloud of Danger, pp. 3-18.

October 25  The American Way of Diplomacy: Historical Influences
October 30  The American Way of Diplomacy: The Role of the Area Specialist

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

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


November 6  The Use and Misuse of Intelligence


November 8  When Reality and Policy Collide

November 13 Peering Ahead


