

## Contemporary US Foreign and Security Policy

### Final year module

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This course provides an understanding of the factors, influences and actors shaping American foreign policy and security policy. Students then apply this understanding to the task of analysing contemporary US policy across a range of important issue areas.

The first semester surveys the history, institutions, and drivers of US policy. The second surveys some of the most pressing contemporary security challenges facing the United States, and the policies with which it has sought to address them. Topics include counterterrorism, military intervention, the changing nature of threats, and the challenge of rising powers.

### Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a critical appreciation of events and policies relating to contemporary US Foreign and Security policy.
- Be able to evaluate policies in accordance with the theoretical and conceptual literature surrounding the conduct of foreign and security policy.

### Assessment

- **Term One:** 3,000 word essay (50%)
- **Term Two:** Presentation (15%)
- **Term Three:** 2 hour examination (35%)