

## Back to the Future: Trump, Biden, and American Foreign Policy

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**Semester: 1**

**Hours : 18**

**ECTS : 5**

**Language : English**

### Course description and objectives

This course will review traditional American foreign policy making processes and trends, assess how they changed under the transgressive Trump Administration, and consider how the Biden Administration will respond to these transformations.

The course seeks to answer several questions:

- Do American foreign policy interests remain essentially unchanged since the advent of Trump or has that president redefined them?
- What were the Trump Administration's international objectives and were they significantly different from those of past administrations?
- In what ways will President Biden be constrained by the choices his predecessor made?
- What is the future of American leadership in the global system?

Coursework will include readings and oral presentations.

### Course outline

Session 1: Introductions; American political institutions.

Session 2: American leadership in the post-war era; how foreign policy is made

Session 3: Politics in Trump's America; Trump's foreign policy

Session 4: Obama's foreign policy; introducing the Biden team

Session 5: North Korea

Session 6: The Transatlantic Alliance

Session 7: China

Session 8: The Middle East

Session 9: Wrap Up: American leadership in the future

## Assessment

Students will be evaluated on their class participation (20%), oral presentations (40%), and a final exam (40%)

## Bibliography

A variety of readings, drawn primarily from internet resources, will give students background information for each week's lecture. There is no assigned textbook.

