

COURSE CODE:(*POLI 446*)

COURSE TITLE: (*GHANA'S FOREIGN POLICY*)

SESSION#: (*1*) – **TITLE:** (*INTRODUCTION TO GHANA'S FOREIGN POLICY*)

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Course Information

Provide the following information:

Course Code:

POLI 446

Course Title:

GHANA'S FOREIGN POLICY

Course Credit

3 Credit(s)

**Session Number &
Session Title:**

**Session One & Course Title : Introduction to
Foreign Policy**

Semester/Year:

Second Semester / 2018

Course Information (contd.)

Provide the following information:

Lecture Period(s)

Insert Lecture Period(s): *(Online how many online interactions per week)*

Prerequisites

Insert Course Prerequisites: *(if applicable)*

Teaching Assistant

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Introduction/Subject or Session Overview

Introduction and orientation to the use of the Sakai Learning Management System (LMS) and the available tools for the course.

- student will be introduced to the concept of foreign policy
 - Some basic concepts foreign policy will be explained to students
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- This session provides a discussion on foreign policy in a manner that will enhance the understanding of students. Foreign policy is one of the key areas in international politics. Students will understand that the foreign policies of countries are the objectives or goals countries will like to achieve abroad. Many define foreign policy as the strategies country put in place to achieve external objectives. The topics to be examined in the session include: what is foreign policy, types of foreign policy, and determinants of foreign .

Session Outline

The key topics to be covered in the session are as follows:

- Topic One : What is foreign policy
- Topic Two: different forms of of foreign policy formulated by countries
- Topic Three: What are the Constituents of foreign policy

Session Learning Goals

- Explain the meaning of foreign policy
- Understand and explain the main types of foreign policy objectives pursued by countries
- Understand the main variables that shaped the foreign policy of countries
- Discuss reasons for the difficulty faced by governments in their foreign formulation
- Explain the role of the various actors in foreign policy decision making process

Session Learning Objectives

- Objective One: Differentiate between foreign policy and national interest
- Objective Two: Understand and classify the different kinds of foreign policy
- Objective Three: Be able to explain different definitions of foreign policy

Session Learning Outcomes

- Discuss the main variables that shaped the foreign policy of countries
- Understand the subject matter of this course – Introduction to Ghana's foreign policy and how the course is organized.
- Identify some of the basic concepts in foreign policy.
- Understand the broad objectives of Ghana's foreign policy orientation in relation with contemporary global politics

Session Activities and Assignments

This week, complete the following tasks:

- **Log onto the UG Sakai LMS course site:**
 - <http://sakai.ug.edu.gh/XXXXXXXXXX>
- **Read** Read Chapter 4 of Bossman E. Asare, 2016. International Politics: The Beginner's Guide- Updated and Expanded, Digibooks, Ghana, and Chapter 3 of Charles W. Kegley
- **Watch** the Videos for Session 1 – Foreign policy
- **Review** Lecture Slides: Session 1 – Foreign policy
- **Visit the Chat Room** and **discuss** the **Forum question** for Session 1
- **Complete** the **Individual Assignment** for Session 1

Creating Blended Assignment Instructions

Recommended eight (8) elements to include in written assignment instructions distributed to students online:

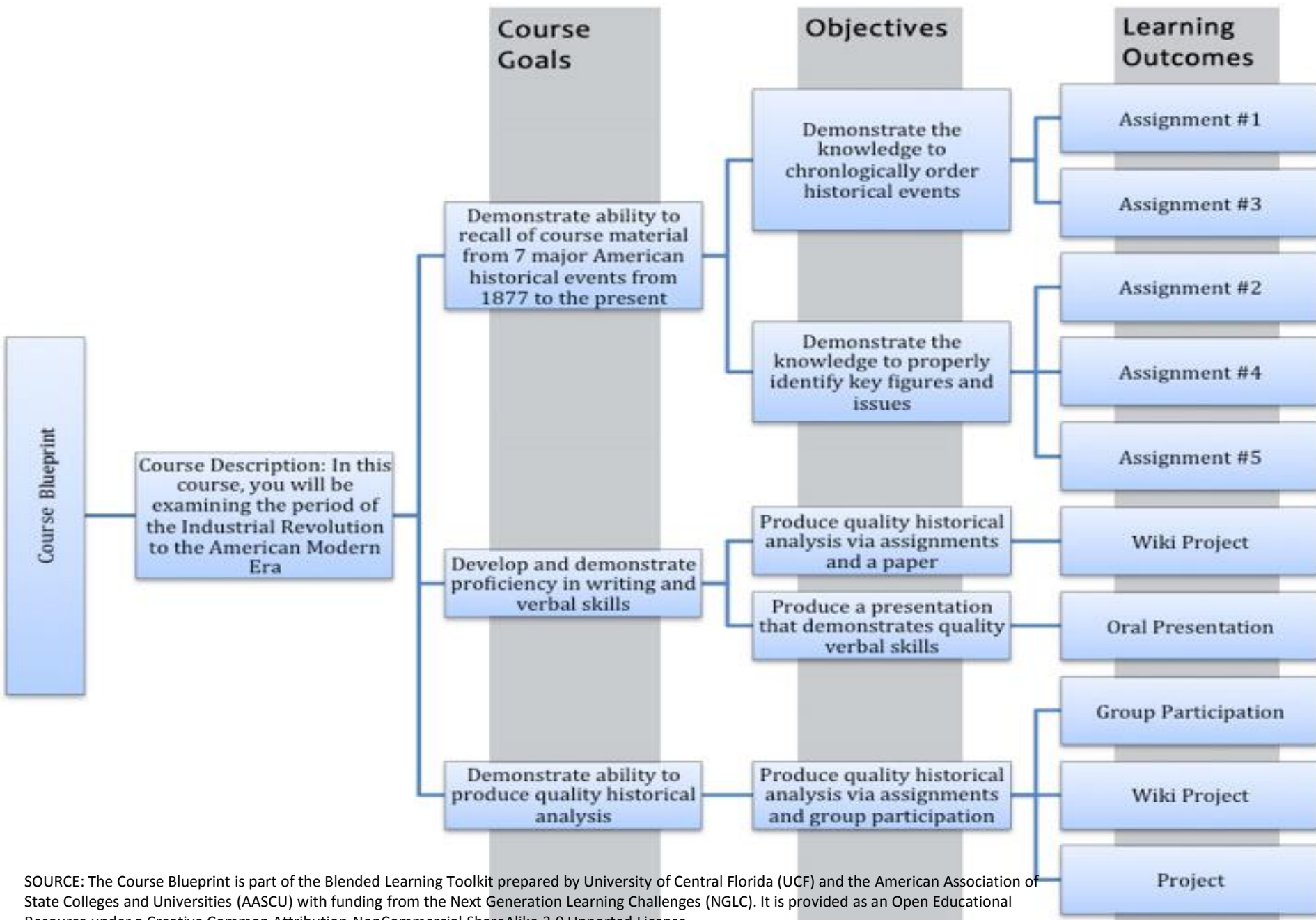
1. **Assignment title** (exactly the same as title used in syllabus and other course documents)
2. **Learning objective(s)** to which the assignment relates
3. **Assignment due date** (if receiving electronic submissions, include time/time zone also)
4. **Submission details** (electronic submissions only? required file format? via email? via assignment upload?)
5. **Scoring criteria/rubric**
6. **Level of group participation** (individual assignments, group or team projects, and entire class projects).
7. **Mechanical details** (number of words/pages, preferred style guide for citations, number/type of citations, etc.)
8. **Any supporting resources** necessary for assignment completion

Reading List

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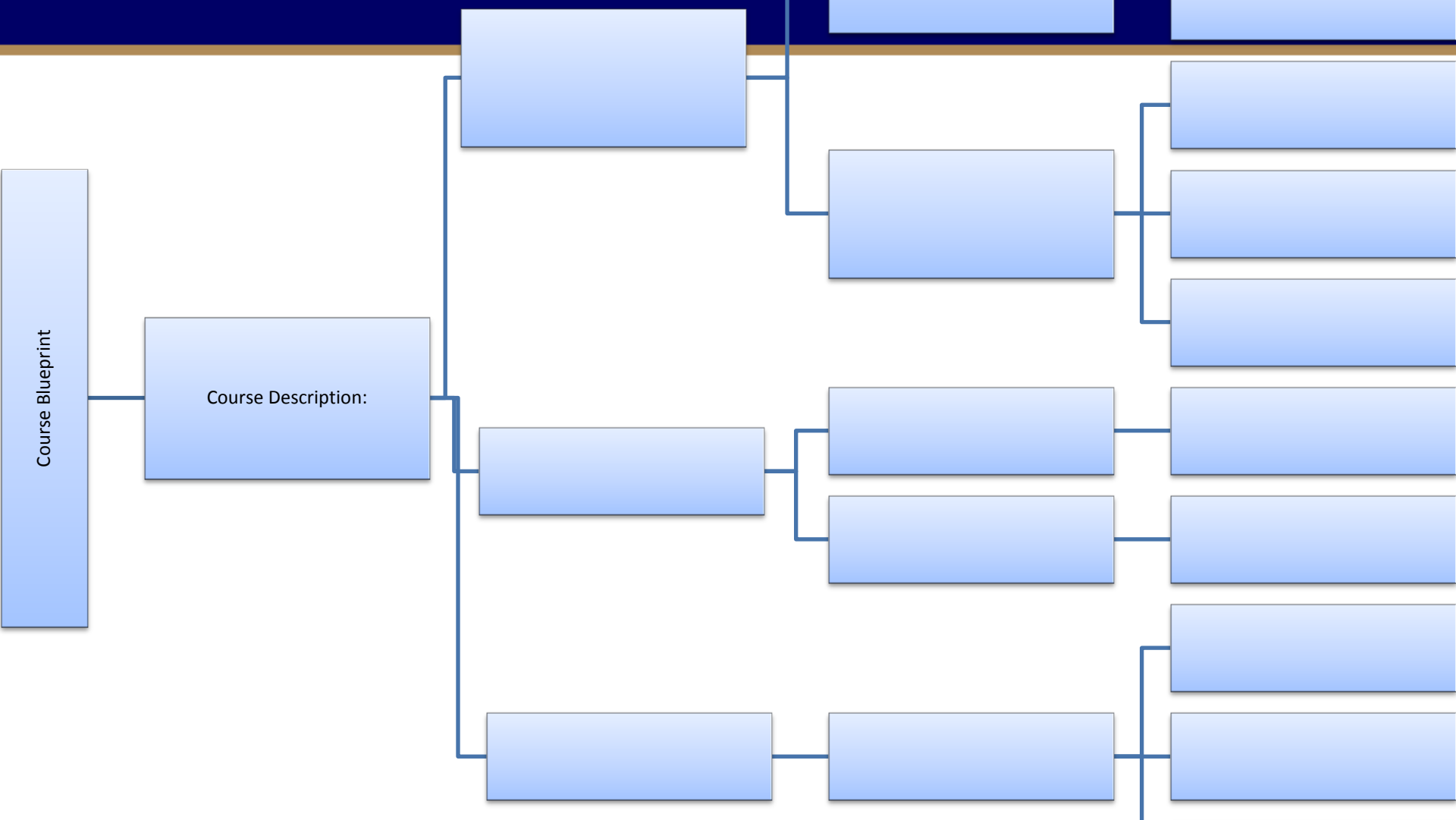


Sample Course Template – American History 1877 – Present



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Course Blueprint – Course Title (Template)



Topic One

FOREIGN POLICY



Meaning

- To give direction as well as meaning to nations relations with other nations, each nation formulates and adopts a Foreign Policy. nations secures the goals of national interest in international relations through its foreign policy . foreign policy behaviour of nations is always conditioned by inter Foreign Policy can be defined as a set of principles, decisions and means, adopted and followed by a nation for conducting relations with other nations in securing her goals of national interest in international relations. Foreign policy is the combination of statecraft and statesmen, negotiation and diplomats, and of all the constituent elements used to project a nation's image and safeguard its interests abroad. Its success is a product of the competence with which the foreign policy instruments are wielded in their interaction within the international system.

Sample Question

- Discuss the main variables that shaped the foreign policy of countries
- Identify some of the basic concepts in foreign policy.
- Critically analyze the broad objectives of Ghana's foreign policy orientation in relation with contemporary global politics

Topic Two

FOREIGN POLICY DEFINED



Foreign Policy defined

- Foreign policy has elicited almost as many definitions, as there are authors. In other words, no one definition satisfies the complexities of the term.
- According to Normal Hill Foreign Policy is the substance of nation's efforts to promote its interest's vis-a-vis other nations.”
- for example,
- George Modelski conceives of foreign policy as the system of activities evolved by communities for changing the behaviour of other states and for adjusting their own activities to the international environment.”
- Foreign Policy in the view of Padelford and Lincoln is the key element in the process by which a state translates its broadly conceived goals and interests into concrete courses of action and to attain these objectives and preserve its interests.”

Topic Two (CON'T)

FOREIGN POLICY DEFINED



CON'T

To Dr. Mohinder Kumar Foreign Policy is a thought out course of action for achieving objectives in foreign relations as dictated by the ideology of national interest.”

Holsti's (1995: 83) definition, which takes foreign policy as “ideas or actions designed by policy makers to solve a problem or promote some change in the policies, attitudes or actions of other states or states, in non-state actors (e.g. terrorist groups), in the international economy or in the physical environment of the world”

Topic Three

CONSTITUENTS OF FOREIGN POLICY



Constituents of foreign policy

- A set of principles, policies and decisions adopted and followed by the nation in international relations.
- Objectives, goals or aims of national interest which are to be secured.
- Means to be used for achieving the goals of national interest.
- Broad policy principles and decisions for conducting international relations.
- Assessment of the gains and failures of the nation in respect of its goals of national interest.

References

- Aluko, O. 1991. 'The Foreign Policies of African States in the 1990s', *Round Table*, 317, January: 33-44.
- Holsti, K.J. 1995. *International Politics: A Framework for Analysis*, Seventh ed., Englewood Cliff, Prentice Hall.

