Tuesday, January 5, 2021
Session 1 -- Introduction; Syllabus Review; Class Presentations; Final Paper
--Resources; Readings
--Diplomatic History and Concepts (1)

Readings:
--Sally Marks, Chas Freeman, Diplomacy, Encyclopedia Britannica
  -pp.1-4: Definition; Nature and Purpose
  -pp. 5-51: History of Diplomacy
  -pp. 52-68: Modern Diplomatic Practice

Thursday, January 7, 2021
Session 2 --Diplomatic History and Concepts (2)

Readings:
--Chas Freeman, On Diplomatic Relationships and Strategies (Excerpt)
  --Harold Nicolson, “Diplomacy Then and Now,” Foreign Affairs (October 1961)

Tuesday, January 12, 2021
Session 3 –U.S. Diplomacy: Traditions; Relation to Military and Economic Tools

Readings:
--U.S. Overseas Diplomatic Presence: Background and Issues for Congress (Congressional Research Service, Updated August 7, 2019)
  --Diversity in the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service: Background and Issues for Congress (Congressional Research Service, July 2, 2020)
  --William J. Burns, “The Lost Art of American Diplomacy: Can the State Department Be Saved?” Foreign Affairs, March 27, 2019
  --Uzra S. Zeya, Jon Finer, Revitalizing the State Department and American Diplomacy (Council on Foreign Relations Special Report Nr. 89, November 2020)
Thursday, January 14, 2021
Session 4 – U.S. Diplomacy: Prospects for Reform

--Guest Speaker: Ambassador Barbara Bodine, Director of the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy, Georgetown University (see bio)

Readings: --“Diplomacy on the Rocks,” Speech by Ambassador Bodine to the Minnesota Committee on Foreign Relations, November 21, 2017

--Interview with Foreign Service Officer E. Wayne Merry, The Association for Diplomatic History and Training Foreign Affairs Oral History Project, 2010

Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Session 5 – Comparative Diplomacy and Geopolitics (1)


Thursday, January 21, 2021
Session 6 – Comparative Diplomacy and Geopolitics (2)


--S.N. Jaffe, Thucydides (excerpt), Berlin Thucydides Center


--Divided We Stand: Democrats and Republicans Diverge on US Foreign Policy, Results of the 2020 Chicago Council on Global Affairs Survey of American Public Opinion and US Foreign Policy

Tuesday, January 26, 2021
Session 7 – Case Studies: Iran and the JCPOA; Russia and Ukraine
Thursday, January 28, 2021
Session 8 – Case Studies: Kashmir and the Himalayan Frontier; Taiwan

Tuesday, February 2, 2021
Session 9 – Case Studies: Libya; China and the South China Sea

Thursday, February 4, 2021
Session 10 – Case Studies; Summing Up; Careers

Monday, February 8, 2021
Individual Research Papers Due