



**University of International Business and Economics
International Summer School**

PSC 201 American Politics

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Credit: 2 units

Teaching Language

This course is taught in English.

Methods of Instruction

Lectures, group activity and presentation

Evaluation

- ✧ Presence and participation 20%
- ✧ Group presentation 40%
- ✧ Open Book Final Examination 40%

About the Instructor

James DeShaw Rae is professor of Government at California State University, Sacramento. James is originally from Iowa and did his bachelor's degree in Political Science at the University of Iowa. From 1997-2000, he worked in Washington, DC as a researcher at the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), a non-partisan think tank funded by the U.S. Congress to help prevent, manage and resolve international conflict. While there, he did a masters' degree in International Affairs at American University. He received his PhD in Political Science at the University of Hawai'i in 2005. He is the author of *Analyzing the Drone Debates: Targeted Killing, Remote Warfare, and Military Technology* (New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014) and *Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice in East Timor* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner/First Forum Press, 2009). From 2011-12, James was a Fulbright Scholar at China Foreign Affairs University in Beijing, China.

Course Description

This course will focus on the American political system and should provide students a firm grounding in American government and major contemporary political issues, as we examine institutions and approaches to public policy and economic issues. It will also discuss less formal social, cultural, and demographic transformations that impact party loyalties, voting behavior, and attitudes toward globalization and modernization.

Required Text

Benjamin Ginsberg, Theodore J. Lowi, Margaret Weir. *We The People: An Introduction to American Politics*. New York, NY: W.W. Norton, 2014.