



U.S. Department of State's Foreign Policy Classroom



The U.S. Department of State is pleased to announce the newest addition to its outreach curriculum: the Foreign Policy Classroom. Beginning January 2012, the Classroom will be in session year-round for all students and faculty members interested in elevating their knowledge of foreign policy priorities to a more scholarly status. As you continue in your future academic pursuits, we encourage you to expand your campus to include the U.S. Department of State by attending the Foreign Policy Classroom.

WHAT IS THE FOREIGN POLICY CLASSROOM?

It is a regularly occurring program intended for students and faculty members at the high school level and beyond. The Classroom provides the opportunity to participate in briefings with senior officials from across the Department on the work being done on top foreign policy priorities. Each Classroom will be one hour in length; broken down to approximately 20 minutes of remarks, followed by approximately 40 minutes of Q&A discussion. Classroom programs will take place in the East Auditorium of the George C. Marshall Wing.

WHAT IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ATTEND?

In order for an individual to attend, an email must be sent to ForeignPolicyClassroom@state.gov, indicating which scheduled Classroom program they are interested in attending. This email should also include the individual's name, school and contact information. The subject line of this email should contain the phrase "Foreign Policy Classroom Registration For," followed by the date of the Classroom program. From there, the individual will receive an email with further instructions to completing their registration.

In order for a group to attend, a faculty member or group representative must submit a [registration form](#) regarding the particular Classroom program of interest. Upon submitting this form, the individual will receive an email with further instructions about completing their group's registration.

HOW OFTEN CAN I ATTEND?

A standing invitation is offered to all appropriate student audiences and faculty to attend as many Classroom programs as they wish, space dependent. There is no limit to the number of programs students and faculty can attend.

WHO WILL BE SPEAKING?

The roster of speakers will include senior officials specializing in a diverse set of topics from the Middle East to food security, and from trade to human rights. The level of speakers will range from Assistant Secretaries to country desk officers, who will all speak on their area of expertise.

CAN I SUGGEST A SPEAKER OR TOPIC?

Individuals can submit speakers and topics they would be interested to have featured in a future Classroom program. All speaker and topic requests should be submitted in an email to ForeignPolicyClassroom@state.gov, with the subject line containing the phrase "Speaker/Topic Suggestion."

HOW CAN I RECEIVE SPEAKER AND TOPIC UPDATES?

Send an email to ForeignPolicyClassroom@state.gov, with the subject line containing the phrase "Speaker/Topic Updates." The full list of speakers and topics can also be found by accessing the Classroom [registration form](#), which contains drop-down menus for both speakers and topics. These will be updated as information is confirmed.

HOW CAN I BECOME INVOLVED BEFORE AND AFTER A PROGRAM?

Follow the [Office of Public Liaison](#) (PL) via its [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts for pre-and-post-Classroom information, which will include links to materials and remarks regarding the speaker and/or topic related to an upcoming Classroom. These channels will also contain speaker and topic updates.

To receive regular updates regarding other programs and events like the Classroom, [register your name and contact information](#) in PL's database. To stay engaged with broader activity happening across the Department, the following social media outlets are available:



HOW DO I FOLLOW UP WITH COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS?

We are always looking to improve the quality of Classroom programs. As such, we welcome all comments and suggestions on that front, which should be emailed to ForeignPolicyClassroom@state.gov. In the subject line, please include the phrase "Classroom Comment/Suggestion."

To contact the Office of Public Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs, e-mail the "PA PL Group" at PAPL@state.gov

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