

International Security Policies

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024)

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

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Type: Electives ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 5 Semester :

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

none

OBJECTIVES

After taking this course, students will be able to:

- Comprehend the major theoretical perspectives and paradigms in international security studies,
- Get acquainted with the most prevalent issues and debates in the field of international security,
- Comprehend the main international institutions and mechanisms related to international security,
- Analyze the respective roles of different political actors situated at international, transnational and domestic levels in the development and resolution of international security problems,
- Apply the major theories and paradigms to contemporary issues in international security.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

This course examines on the theories and empirical issues about security politics, especially focusing on the international level. It explores enduring and contemporary issues in international security, a field that is about the threat and use of force by states as well as non-state actors to achieve their political and military objectives.

Besides introducing the major theories in the field, it surveys policy decisions and tradeoffs among political, social, economic, military, legal, and ethical goals and values, studying the interactions between the states, organizations, institutions, and individuals in policy formulation, implementation, and outcomes.

The course has three major objectives: (1) to understand the major theoretical perspectives and paradigms in security studies, (2) to survey the most salient substantive areas, questions and debates in the field ; (3) to apply theories and paradigms to contemporary problems of international security.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Learning Activities

- o Lectures
- o Sections/ practical classes
- o Classes which combine theory and practice
- o Office hours
- o Team work/ assignments

Teaching Methodology

This course consists of lectures and a number of activities which will be carried out by the students. In general, classes are designed in a manner to promote active participation and critical thinking of students. Therefore, it is essential that students come to class prepared to discuss the issues assigned for that particular session in light of the designated readings.

Reduced groups/Seminars include a number of exercises carried out by the students as a team and individually. Designated exercises include group assignments, presentations, discussions and debates.

Office hours

Office hours which will be held on a weekly basis will be announced at the beginning of the semester. Additionally, students can consult with the professor about their specific questions via email.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

FINAL EXAM. In which the knowledge, skills and abilities acquired throughout the course will be assessed globally. The assessment percentage in this course is 50%.

CONTINUOUS EVALUATION: Evaluation of the resolution of problems and practical cases, evaluation of partial tests of knowledge, and evaluation of works carried out individually and / or in groups presented in class, where appropriate. The percentage of evaluation of this evaluation system in the whole evaluation of this course is 50% of the final grade.

% end-of-term-examination:	50
% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):	50

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Bennett, D. Scott, and Alan C. Stam The Behavioral Origins of War. , University of Michigan Press., 2003
- Brooks, Stephen Producing Security: Multinational Corporations, Globalization, and the Changing Calculus of Conflict, Princeton University Press, 2005
- Bueno de Mesquita et al. The Logic of Political Survival, MIT Press, 2003
- Smith, Michael E. International Security: Politics, Policy, Prospects , Palgrave Macmillan , 2017

ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Powell, Robert. In the Shadow of Power., Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999