

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC STUDIES, SECURITY AND DEFENSE		
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TIMETABLE FOR THE SUBJECT

WEEK	SESSION	DESCRIPTION OF EACH SESSION	GROUP (X mark)		Indicate if a different lecture room is needed (computer, audiovisual, etc.)	HOMEWORK PER WEEK		
			1	2		DESCRIPTION	ATTENDING HOURS	HOMEWORK Max. 7H/WEEK
1	1	<p>LESSON 1.1. Strategy, and strategic studies. World order and the international system (Jose Luis)</p> <p>The meaning of Strategy and different approaches. The question of World order: different views and implications; The International System; Wealth and power, revisionism; State of fear; The pursuit of power; Liberalism vs realism.</p>				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
	2	<p>Anarchy and the struggle for power: (Jose Luis) The pursuit power; hegemony and its limits; power and fear; cooperation among states; Persistent anarchy; The futility of power; The causes of great powers war.</p>				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.

2	3	<p>LESSON 1.2. (Jose Luis) Strategy: what it is, elements, levels and architecture</p> <p>Definitions of Strategy, elements, levels and architecture; Strategy and strategic history; Thucydides triptych; Themes and context of strategic history; International Relations and strategic history; Strategic theory: Clausewitz vs Sun Tzu.</p>				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
2	4	<p>War, peace and international order.</p> <p>Strategic Culture and the use of force. (Jose Luis) Different meaning of peace; Theories about war; The causes of war and the conditions of peace Strategic culture; Law, Politics and the use of force; Hard and soft power.</p>				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
3	5	<p>LESSON 1.3. General approach to the International Society and International Law (Félix)</p> <p>Subjects and actors. Structure and main features of the International Society and International Law.</p>				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
3	6	<p>LESSON 1.4. Conceptual approach: (Félix)</p> <p>The evolution of the concepts of Peace and Security from the Cold War to the Global</p>				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework,	1.5 h.	3 h.

		International Society. Conceptual distinction between tension, crisis, dispute and armed conflict. The so-called "Grey Zones".				case practice.		
4	7	LESSON 2.1. Geography as an enduring strategic fact (Jose Luis) The concept of Geography; The unavoidable Geography; Mackinder; Spykman and sea power; frontiers vs borders.				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
4	8	Geography and Strategy (Military Geography) (Jose Luis) Geography as a context; Five geographies of war; Geography, technology and tactics; Location and resources; Land power, air power, maritime power, space war and cyber war; The primacy of land power; Geopolitics and Geostrategy.				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
5	9	LESSON 2.2. Confronted Strategies (José Luis) Strategies for survival; appeasement, bandwagoning; Strategies for gaining power; Strategies for neutralizing adversaries; The offshore balancers; Balancing vs Buck-Passing.				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
5	10	LESSON 2.3. (Jose Luis) Examples and practice.				Reading of the texts and documents	1.5 h.	3 h.

						designated. Homework, case practice.		
6	11	LESSON 3. Geography, geopolitics and military power. (Jose Luis) 1 and 3. Europe, Russia, United States, Latin America.				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
6	12	Cont. (Jose Luis) 2. China, India, Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia.				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
7	13	LESSON 4. GEOPOLITICS OF THE NUCLEAR. (Jose Luis) 1. The evolution of the nuclear threat: Cold War evolution, strategies and disarmament initiatives.				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
7	14	2. World order in the nuclear age. The post-Cold War and the risk of proliferation. (Jose Luis)				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
8	15	LESSON 5. MAIN ACTUAL RISKS AND THREATS TO INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. (Félix) 1. Ideological/political risks and threats. The power of identity in a Globalised World: national-ethnicity, religion. The proliferation of non-State actors. Instable regions and failed States.				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.

8	16	2. Environmental risks and threats. Climate change and its consequences for peace and security. 3. Economic and social risks and threats. Inequality and under-development in a Global International Society. (Félix)				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
9	17	4. Geo-economic risks and threats. The control over energetic resources, over other scarce resources and over strategic areas or regions. (Félix)				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
9	18	5. Risk and threats of different nature: Terrorism, weapons – small arms and light weapons, arms of mass destruction- and cyber-threats. (Félix)				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
10	19	LESSON 6. ARMED CONFLICTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY. (Félix) 1. The use of force in International Law: From <i>ius ad bellum</i> to <i>ius contra bellum</i> . The general prohibition of article 2.4 UN Charter.				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
10	20	2. The two exceptions to the prohibition (i): Self-defense (Article 51 UN Charter). (Félix)				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.

11	21	2. The two exceptions to the prohibition (ii): the Security Council powers under Chapter VII of the UN Charter. 3. Regional collective security: Chapter VIII of the UN Charter. (Félix)				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
11	22	LESSON 7. THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY: THE MAIN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. (Félix) 1. United Nations.				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
12	23	I.O in Europe: EU, NATO, OSCE. (Félix)				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
12	24	Rest of the World: AU, OAS, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, Arab League, Golf Cooperation Council. (Félix)				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
13	25	LESSON 8. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGIES 1. National Security Strategies and White Books: Spain. (Jose Luis)				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
13	26	National Security Strategies and White Books: United States; Russia; China; Germany. (Jose Luis)				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.

14	27	2. International Security Strategies: European Union.(Félix)				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
14	28	2. International Security Strategies: NATO, OSCE. (Félix)				Reading of the texts and documents designated. Homework, case practice.	1.5 h.	3 h.
TOTAL HORAS							42	84
15-16		Assessment.				Handling of the final research work.		24