

POL 303 GLOBAL SECURITY

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Course description : This course aims to introduce the students to some of the major concepts, theories, and issue areas in global security in order to enable them to gain an understanding of the multi-faceted nature of international security in a globalized world. The course will adopt a human security perspective and taking into full consideration the emergence of new and non-traditional forms of security in the period after the end of the Cold War, it will inquire into military related security issues such as war, peace, terrorism and nuclear weapons, as well as non-military security concepts, such as environmental, energy, food and water security. These concepts and the diverse range of theories that apply to them will be discussed within the context of cases of real world issues, both historical and current. Students will also apply the knowledge they gain through the course to empirical cases of their interest by preparing case studies to be presented in the classroom.

Responsibilities :

- There will be one mid-term exam and one final exam, both of which will be closed-book exams to be held in the classroom.
- Each student will prepare a discussion paper on a subject decided by him/herself in consultation with the lecturer. The paper will have a length of at least 1,500 words. Papers are to be submitted electronically to the lecturer.
- Each student will hold a 15-minute presentation of his/her subject in the class.
- In accordance with the university rules, students are allowed 30% absence from the lectures in each course, which means three or less absences per semester is allowed.
- More than three absences will result in the loss of the right to take the final exam, and a direct 'F' grade for the course.
- It is essential for the students to do the readings before coming the class, and actively take part in class discussions.
- Extensions for paper submission will not be granted.
- Grading:

Mid-term exam :	20%
Discussion paper (and presentation) :	20%
Final exam :	50%
Class participation :	10%

Text books :

Peter Hough, Shahin Malik, Andrew Moran and Bruce Pilbeam, "International Security Studies: Theory and Practice", Routledge, 2015.

Teresa Rodrigues, Rafael Garcia Perez and Susana de Sousa Ferreira, "Globalization and International Security: An Overview", Nova, 2014.

Weekly plan:

October 1st

Week 1 : What is Global Security?

Hough et al., Ch. 1

October 8th

Week 2 : Globalization, New Forms of Security and Human Security

Hough et al., Ch. 5

October 15th

Week 3 : Theoretical Perspectives on Global Security

Hough et al., Ch. 2, Ch. 3

October 22nd

Week 4 : War and Peace in the 21st Century

Hough et al., Ch. 7

No class on October 29th!!

November 5th

Week 5 : Transnational Terrorism

Rodrigues et al., Ch. 10

November 12th

Week 6 : Nuclear Proliferation

Hough et al., Ch. 9

November 19th

MID-TERM EXAM

November 26th

Week 7 : Globalization of Organized Crime

Hough et al., Ch. 16

December 3rd

Week 8 : Migration and Global Security
Class presentations.

Rodrigues et al., Ch. 4

December 10th

Week 9 : Energy Security
Class presentations.

Rodrigues et al., Ch. 8

December 17th

Week 10 : Environmental Security, Food and Water
Class presentations.

Hough et al., Ch. 15, Ch. 17

December 24th

Week 11 : Cyber-security
Class presentations.

Rodrigues et al., Ch. 9

December 31st

Week 12 : Institutions of Global Security
Class presentations.

Hough et al., Ch. 20, Ch. 22

January 7th

Week 13: Wrap up session.
Class presentations.

Deadline for the submission of discussion papers !!

FINAL EXAM

(date to be announced)

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