



International Security (Bachelor Law Year 3 / Fall)

Bachelor of Law / Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Law

Introduction

Lectures

Being a classic subject of International Relations, security has long been approached solely from the point of view of the government. However, it cannot be reduced to its military dimension. Since it lies at the heart of all social relations, security covers a broad spectrum that goes far beyond defense issue.

This course hence deals with the different theoretical approaches to security. It covers the redefinition of strategy in the context of hybrid warfare, and looks at new ways of waging war. It also considers non-military security issues, such as health and environment.

Tutorials

The TDs (tutorials) complete the lectures (CM). Each session allows students to work on a specific topic to go beyond some of the elements mentioned in CM. TD are mandatory. Only one unjustified absence will be allowed. If there is more than one unjustified absence, the final grade will be 0/20. Each session will be divided into two group presentations.

The main work to do in TD will be a policy paper. Students are representing a State (Freedom in the choice of State). As a group, they need to write a policy paper for the General Assembly of the UN. They will have to present it in the class (20min). Other students will have to ask questions (30min).

This policy paper will focus on a specific issue (chosen during session 1) that could impact international security, making it a considerable topic for each State. The goal is to convince other UN members of both the importance of the problem and the coherence of the proposed actions.

A policy paper is a concise summary of a particular issue and the policy options to deal with it. Here are the important guidelines to follow:

- Choose one issue that could impact international security: Contemporary conflict, international event, technological innovation, political situation, etc.)
- Write a Policy Brief (3 pages + 1 bibliography)
 - Give the title of the policy paper
 - Write an executive summary of the problem and proposed action
 - Describe the problem: what is the situation?
 - Analyze the political implication: why is it an issue?
 - Offer some recommendations: what could be the solutions? Give alternatives for action and assess their advantages and disadvantages, chose one of them and explain the reasons for that
 - Indicate a bibliography: what are the main references that have been used (or that could be useful)?

Duration

1 semester

Teaching languages

- English

Conditions of submission

If you need more information about this course, kindly send an email to: incomingdri@icp.fr

- Send the essay to the professor the day before the presentation, in addition to a printed version given the day of your presentation. Do not forget to indicate names.
- In case of any plagiarism/AI: 0/20

Objectives

- a good knowledge of the main theories of International Relations
- develop a good understanding of contemporary security issues

Admission

Prerequisite

Prerequisites training

Having followed a class on International Relations theories.

Program

Assessment and Final Grade

A written 3 hours exam for the Lectures.

Tutorials (40% of the final grade)

- Policy paper: grade /20 (Written paper 50% and oral presentation 50%)
- Participation: bonus/penalty from -2pts to +2pts on the grade in TD

Bibliography

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Useful internet links:

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<https://journals.openedition.org/conflits/>

<https://carnegieendowment.org/>

<https://www.csis.org/>

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