INR 6337: International Security

This course is designed to familiarize graduate students with the broad concepts used in the study of international security. We will explore questions such as the causes of war, the impact of doctrine and strategy, and the effects of norms in international security. In addition, the course will delve into issues such as nuclear proliferation and the role of alliances in international security.

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This course requires active student participation. Attendance is obviously part of the participation grade as is the quality and relevance of the student’s commentary. Each student will lead the class discussion one week by introducing the reading and offering several discussion questions to stimulate debate.

The written work for the course will consist of three items:

Reaction paper: a 5-7 page paper that focuses on a particular question relevant to one or more of the readings. The idea of this is to develop an interesting question rather than simply summarize the reading.

Research proposal: This should be approximately 10 pages and based on any topic relevant to the course. The purpose of this is to stimulate your thinking about how to pursue a research topic by developing a question or puzzle to be answered, a summary of the relevant literature upon which you are building, and a methodology for answering your question or puzzle.

Final Exam: A 5-7 page written response to a question that you will receive during the final class session.

Grading Scale

- 93 and above= A.
- 90-92 = A-.
- 87-89= B+.
- 83-86= B.
- 80-82= B-.
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**Reading**

Much of the reading is in the form of articles that can be accessed through the library website. Book chapters (indicated with an asterisk) are available through the reserve reading website for the course (http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/ click on course reserves).

All other books are on reserve at the library or can be purchased on Amazon or similar sites. You do not necessarily need to buy all of these if you want to rely on the reserve reading at the library, but they are some of the classics in security studies and worth having on your shelf if you plan to concentrate in this subfield.


**Week 1: Intro to Security Studies**


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**Week 2: World War I**

Brown, M. et al (eds.) *Offense, Defense and War* (Cambridge: MIT Press) 2004. Read chapter 2, 3, 4, 5 or look up the original articles below (with the exception of the piece by Quester).


George Quester, “Offense and Defense in the International System,”

*Barry Posen, *Sources of Military Doctrine*  Chapter 1

**Week 3: The Nuclear Revolution**


Kenneth N. Waltz, “Nuclear Myths and Political Realities,” *American Political Science Review* 84, no. 3 (September 1990): 731-745

Jervis, Robert. *The Meaning of the Nuclear Revolution*, chap. 4

Week 4: Systemic level and Security Studies


Week 5: War and Peace among Great Powers


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**Week 6: Domestic Level Factors in Security**


Amy Oakes, “Diversionary War and Argentina’s Invasion of the Falkland Islands,” *Security Studies* 15, no. 3 (July 2006): 431-463


**Week 7: Individual level Factors in Security**


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**Week 8: Regimes and Norms in Security**

Peter Katzenstein, *The Culture of National Security* Chapters 1, 2, 5  

**Week 9: Proliferation and Arms Control**

Matthew Kroenig, “Time to Attack Iran,” *Foreign Affairs*, Jan/Feb2012, Vol. 91,  

**Week 10: Terrorism and Counter-insurgency**

Week 11: Coercion


Week 12: Intelligence and Security


Week 13: International Institutions, alliances and Security

John Mearshimer, “The False Promise of International Institutions,”


*The Culture of National Security*, Chapter 10


Week 14: Strategy and Policy

Christopher Layne, “From Preponderance to Offshore Balancing,”

