Principles of International Security

Descriptif d'enseignement / *Course description*

Etudiants internationaux / International undergraduate program

2022-2023

Titre du cours - *Course title*

Les principes de la sécurité internationale

Principles of International Security

Type de cours : undergraduate lecture

Langue du cours/Language of instruction : Anglais/English

Enseignant(s) – *Professor(s)*

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Résumé du cours – Objectifs - *Course description – Targets*

This course is expected to provide students with foundations in the field of international security and the highly-related field of foreign policy. It will seek to provide students with the "essentials toolbox" that would allow them to make analytical sense of the current and emerging international challenges and their impact on the peace, stability, and security of States, societies, and ecosystems. The course will address the theoretical underpinnings of security studies and the ensuing practice, before exploring the causes of wars, key notions such as Grand Strategy and Doctrine, classical approaches to State security such as military effectiveness, classical and post-classical deterrence, nuclear weapons, and collective security.

The course will then explore a first generation of challenges that conventional approaches to security have faced, ranging from the role of decolonization and interventionism in the creation of world systems and unconventional logics of violence including proxy warfare, insurgency and counter-insurgency. Students will ultimately explore the second generation of challenges which relate to the post-1990 period including "Pax Americana", the notion of "imperial overstretch", terrorism and the "War on Terror". The course will conclude with an exploration of emerging challenges including illicit financial flows (IFFs), the financing of terrorism, the changing nature of intelligence and surveillance, cybersecurity, and cryptocurrencies.

Evaluation - *Assessment*

Students are expected to attend all lectures and to actively participate in classroom discussions as participation with constitute 20% of the total course evaluation. The remaining 80% are divided as follows: A first-term quiz (20%), the presentation of a policy brief (30%), and a policy paper (30%).

FINAL PAPER

A 3000-4000 words (including footnotes) research paper is due by the last week of class (Line spacing of 1.5; Font: Times New Roman; Font Sizes: 12 for text, 10 for footnotes; Citation style: Chicago Manual of Style,

17th edition). Topics can be chosen by students and must relate to a current challenge of international security. Topics will require the instructor's validation. Late submission without deductions will only be permitted in special circumstances (documented medical reasons, exceptional personal issues, etc.). All papers are checked for plagiarism. Any student plagiarizing their paper will receive an automatic failing grade and will face disciplinary action.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

Students are asked to respect general classroom etiquette and to mute their cell phones when entering class. Students are not permitted to make phone calls or send text messages, and those actively disrupting class will be asked to leave and will have points deducted from their participation grades. Repeated disciplinary incidents that directly affect students' learning can lead to a penalty of up to 20% of a student's final grade.

Plan – Séances - *Course outline*

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1	Theories and Approaches to International Security
Week 2	The Causes of War
Week 3	States and State Approaches to International Security
Week 4	Nuclear Weapons, Nuclear Proliferation, and Deterrence
Week 5	Collective Security Systems
Week 6	Lessons from the "Third World": Proxy Warfare, Insurgency and Counterinsurgency
Week 7	Hegemony, Imperial Overstretch, and Bandwagoning: Myth or Reality?
Week 8	The Global Economic Shift and the Rise of Multipolarity
Week 9	International Development, Aid and Governance: The Security Dimension
Week 10	The War on Terror: Non-State Actors, Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism
Week 11	The Financing of Security and Insecurity: Arms Sales, Illicit Financial Flows, and the Challenge of Cryptocurrencies
Week 12	The Changing Faces of International Security: Big Data, Cybersecurity, and the Return to Conventional Intelligence

Bibliographie - *Bibliography*

- The course will not rely on a single reading but on a booklet and on references and articles that will be communicated subsequently.