

IRL 4045-A: SECURITY STUDIES AND STRATEGIES

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Survey of the nature and significance of organized and spontaneous force in international relations; includes the analysis of strategic theory, national security policy, weapons system, military government, guerilla warfare, international terrorism, police and army behaviour, rebellion, revolution, and war.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the course is to enable students:

- To identify various aspects of force.
- Understand of the various theories underlying the use of force.
- Apply the theories to practical situations.

COURSE CONTENT

Week 1

Concept of Security

-Definition and analysis of security

-Threats to security

- conflict
- resources disputes
- environmental scarcities
- international migration

Week 2

National Security policy

- Strategic interests
- Internal and external threats
- Systems of government and national security

Week 3&4

War

- Theories of war
- Causes of war

- Purpose and means of war
- Types of warfare
- Just war doctrine

Week 5

Deterrence and National Security

- strategic theory
- deterrence and its limits
- national power
- balance of power

Week 6

Arms Race and Weapons Systems

- concept of arms race
- conventional weapons
- weapons of mass destruction
- nuclear weapons

Week 7

MID SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Arms Control and Disarmament

- meaning and nature
- usefulness in contemporary world
- nuclear non-proliferation
- peace treaties

Week 8

Rebellion, Revolution and War

- causes of instability
- order, warfare and legitimacy imperatives
- new world order
- nationalism
- globalization

Week 9

International Terrorism

- theory and practice
- causes and impact
- global efforts to combat terrorism

Week 10

Use of Force in System

- legal nature of war
- laws of war

- UN and AU in maintenance of peace and security
- self defence

Week 11

Guest Speaker

Week 12

Group presentations

Week 13

Group Presentations

Week 14

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

- Lectures and class discussions
- Video shows will be arranged as appropriate
- Field visit and guest speaker presentations

COURSE TEXT

1. Sean M. Lynn-Jones and Steven E. Miller, Global Dangers: *Changing Dimensions of International Security*. (Cambridge, M.A: MIT Press, 1995.)
2. Security: A New Framework for Analysis; Barry Buzan, Ole Waever and Jaap de Wilde

READINGS

1. Michael I. Handel, Weak States in the International System (London: Frank Cass, 1990.)
2. Allan James, Peacekeeping in International Politics (London: Macmillan, 1990.)
3. David Goldfischer, The Best Defense: Policy Alternatives for US Nuclear Security from the 1950s to the 1990s (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1993.)

COURSE EVALUATION

Attendance and Participation	-10%
Individual Assignment	-10%
Term paper	-30%
Mid-Term Examination	-20%
Final Examination	<u>-30%</u>
Total	<u>100%</u>

GRADING

A	90 - 100
A-	87 – 89
B+	84 – 86

B	80 – 83
B-	77 – 79
C+	74 – 76
C	70 – 73
C-	67 – 69
D+	64 – 66
D	62 – 63
D-	60 – 61
F	0 - 59