

Carleton University
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Department of Political Science
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PSCI 3603A
International Security
Wednesday, 6:05-8:55

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- **Course description**

This course introduces students to issues in contemporary international security studies. In doing so, it covers traditional security issues such as the causes of war, nuclear proliferation and arms control, and the uses of military force; as well as some new issues, such as private military companies, technology and war, and non-state armed groups in conflict. The course will also explore specific cases in some detail, including security issues stemming from conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, Colombia, Ukraine, and Central Africa.

- **Reading Material**

The reading material will be available online through culearn (the course webpage) and the library's electronic resources.

- **Evaluation**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>% of total</i>
<i>Attendance and participation</i>	Attendance and participation will be recorded. Students can earn 10 attendance points, with a maximum of one mark per class, not counting September 4. In addition, by participating in class discussion, students may earn five participation marks with a maximum of one mark per class.	Continuous through the semester	15

<i>Comprehension assignment 1</i>	Comprehension assignments consist of short answer questions in which students must apply concepts from the course material. The assignments are designed to test comprehension and ability to apply concepts to specific questions or settings. Each answer should be 2-3 sentences long. Assignments are due one week after they are distributed.	<i>October 2</i>	25
<i>Comprehension assignment 2</i>		<i>November 20</i>	25
<i>Take home exam</i>		<i>December 21</i>	35

- **Other issues**

Lateness policy: late assignments will be penalized by 1/3 of a letter grade per day (i.e. A reduced to A-).

- **Schedule**

Date	Topic	Reading
September 4	Introduction to international security	Stephen Walt. "the Renaissance of Security Studies" in <i>Security Studies</i> .
September 11	War and peace	Brad Thayer, "evolutionary origins of realist theory", in <i>international security</i> Gleditsch, "democratic peace theory", in the <i>handbook of international relations</i> Mearsheimer, "Ukraine conflict is the west's fault" in <i>Foreign Policy</i> .
September 18	Deterrence and arms control	Kenneth Waltz, <u>More may be better</u> Michael Krepon, " the holy grail of deterrence stability "
September 25		Selection: Ward Wilson, <i>Five Myths about Nuclear Deterrence</i> Scott Sagan, <u>More may be worse</u>

October 2	Intrastate and ethnic conflict	<p>Kauffman, possible and impossible solutions to ethnic conflict</p> <p>Walter, the critical barrier to civil war settlement, <i>international security</i></p> <p>Watch: PBS Frontline on the Rise of ISIS</p>
October 9	Economics and sociology of armed groups	<p>Pg. 1-10 of Td Gurr, <i>why men rebel</i></p> <p>Selections - Diego Gambetta, <i>Engineers of Jihad</i></p> <p>Collier and Hoeffler, <i>economic causes of conflict</i></p>
October 16	Women in Armed conflict	<p>Guest Speaker: Kim Pavelich (Carleton)</p> <p>Readings TBA</p>
October 23	No class - fall break	
October 30	ISIS and Al Qaeda	<p>Guest Speaker: Jordan Miller (RMC)</p> <p>Part I - Kale Weston, <i>the Mirror Test: America at War in Iraq and Afghanistan</i></p> <p>Chapter 1-3 of: Carter Malkasian, <i>Illusions of Victory: The Anbar Awakening and the Rise of the Islamic State</i> (Oxford University Press, 2017)</p>
November 6	Cyber security issues	<p>Guest Speaker: Joe Cummins (Cybernetique)</p>
November 13	Political economy and international security policy	<p>Part III of Rosa Brooks, <i>How Everything Became War and the Military Became Everything</i></p>
November 20	Civil military relations	<p>TBA</p> <p>Guest speaker: Rachael Bryson (Conference Board of Canada)</p>

November 27	Private military companies	Introduction + Chapter 1 of - Fitzsimmons, Scott. <i>Private Security Companies in Iraq and Afghanistan</i> Chapter 4 and chapter 7: Peter Singer, <i>Corporate Warriors</i>
December 4	Wrap up	No readings

Academic Accommodations

Requests for Academic Accommodation

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request, the processes are as follows:

Pregnancy obligation

Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website: carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf

Religious obligation

Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website: carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you have a documented disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation or contact your PMC coordinator to send your instructor your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term. You must also contact the PMC no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with your instructor as soon as possible to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. carleton.ca/pmc

Survivors of Sexual Violence

As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and its survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit: carleton.ca/sexual-violence-support

Accommodation for Student Activities

Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or

as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist.
<https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf>

For more information on academic accommodation, please contact the departmental administrator or visit: students.carleton.ca/course-outline

Plagiarism

The University Senate defines plagiarism as "presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one's own." This can include:

- reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else's published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one's own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another's data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another's works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
- handing in "substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.

Plagiarism is a serious offence which cannot be resolved directly with the course's instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They may include a mark of zero for the plagiarized work or a final grade of "F" for the course.

Student or professor materials created for this course (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the author(s). They are intended for personal use and may not be reproduced or redistributed without prior written consent of the author(s).

Submission and Return of Term Work

Papers must be submitted directly to the instructor according to the instructions in the course outline and will not be date-stamped in the departmental office. Late assignments may be submitted to the drop box in the corridor outside B640 Loeb. Assignments will be retrieved every business day at **4 p.m.**, stamped with that day's date, and then distributed to the instructor. For essays not returned in class please attach a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** if you wish to have your assignment returned by mail. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

Grading

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor, subject to the approval of the faculty Dean. Final standing in courses will be shown by

alphabetical grades. The system of grades used, with corresponding grade points is:

Percentage	Letter grade	12-point scale	Percentage	Letter grade	12-point scale
90-100	A+	12	67-69	C+	6
85-89	A	11	63-66	C	5
80-84	A-	10	60-62	C-	4
77-79	B+	9	57-59	D+	3
73-76	B	8	53-56	D	2
70-72	B-	7	50-52	D-	1

Approval of final grades

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by an instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

Carleton E-mail Accounts

All email communication to students from the Department of Political Science will be via official Carleton university e-mail accounts and/or cuLearn. As important course and University information is distributed this way, it is the student's responsibility to monitor their Carleton and cuLearn accounts.

Carleton Political Science Society

"The Carleton Political Science Society (CPSS) has made its mission to provide a social environment for politically inclined students and faculty. By hosting social events, including Model Parliament, debates, professional development sessions and more, CPSS aims to involve all political science students at Carleton University. Our mandate is to arrange social and academic activities in order to instill a sense of belonging within the Department and the larger University community. Members can benefit through our networking opportunities, academic engagement initiatives and numerous events which aim to complement both academic and social life at Carleton University. To find out more, visit us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CarletonPoliticalScienceSociety/> and our website <https://carletonpss.com/>, or stop by our office in Loeb D688!"

Official Course Outline

The course outline posted to the Political Science website is the official course outline.