

POLI 4402 U.S. National Security

Spring 2018
Room: Coates 109
Time: MWF 12:30-1:20

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Course Description

Electronic Devices: All electronic devices, including laptops, are prohibited.

Attendance: Attendance will be taken every class period. This is a discussion based course and requires regular attendance. I understand that things come up; you are allowed to miss 3 classes without a penalty. Any additional absences will result in 1 point reduction in your total course grade per absence. Missing 10 or more class meetings (beyond the allowable 3) will automatically result in a failing grade for the course.

Free Pass on Weekly Assignments: You get 1 free pass on your weekly reflection assignments (See below under: **Weekly Reflection Assignments**). I encourage you to use this "free pass" conservatively or not use it at all. Given this policy, no late work will be accepted under any circumstances. You cannot use up your free pass and later miss an assignment due to an emergency. It is your responsibility to save the pass for emergencies. If you do not use your free pass, I will simply drop your lowest grade on weekly assignments.

Grades: Grades will be allocated according to the following schedule.

Score	Grade	Score	Grade	Score	Grade	Score	Grade
97-100	A+	87-89	B+	77-79	C+	67-69	D+
94-96	A	83-86	B	73-76	C	63-66	D
90-93	A-	80-82	B-	70-72	C-	60-62	D-
						< 60	F

Special Needs: Any student with a documented disability needing academic adjustments is requested to speak with the Disability Services and with me, as early in the semester as possible. All discussions will remain confidential. Please contact the Disability Services at 115 Johnston Hall, (225) 578-5919.

Requirements and Evaluation

Weekly Reflection Assignments 5 points each, 50 points total

On Monday of each week (with few exceptions), students are required to submit a one page (minimum of 300 words) reflection paper discussing the readings that were assigned for that week. Weeks that do not require a reflection assignment are clearly marked in the syllabus. Please note that this should not be merely a summary of the readings, but a reflection piece. This reflection paper is due at the start of class and must be submitted in hard copy. If you cannot make it to class in person, you can submit the paper to me by e-mail. The e-mail must arrive before the start of the class meeting. In cases when no class is held on a Monday, the reflection assignments are due on Wednesday (See under **Reading and Assignment Schedule**). A sample completed assignment is posted to Moodle. We will discuss this assignment in more detail at the start of the semester.

Week Five - February 7, 9

-Topics(s): (1) Arms Races and Military Spending (2) Perception and Misconception of Risk and Resolve

-Reading: Chapters 4 and 7 from Arms and Influence (Dynamics of Mutual Alarm, Dialogue of Competitive Armament)

-Reflection Assignment: Due at 12:30 pm on Monday, February 5.

Week Six - February 14, 16

-Topics(s): The Perpetual Adversaries: China, Russia, North Korea, Iran

-Reading: none

-Reflection Assignment: none

Week Seven - February 19, 21

-Topics(s): (1) Strategies of Containment (2) Smart Power (3) Nuclear Deterrence and Accommodation

-Reading: Chapters 4 and 7 from Arms and Influence (Dynamics of Mutual Alarm, Dialogue of Competitive Armament)

-Reflection Assignment: Due at 12:30 pm on Monday, February 19.

Week Eight - February 26, 28, March 1

-Topics(s): (1) Role of Intelligence in the International System (2) Information Warfare

-Reading: Lectures 2, 3, 11 from 48 Lectures of Power

-Reflection Assignment: Due at 12:30 pm on Monday, February 28.

Week Nine - March 5, 7, 9

-Topics(s): (1) Signals vs. Human Intelligence (2) Stages of Intelligence

-Reading: Lectures 14, 20, 29 from 48 Lectures of Power

-Reflection Assignment: Due at 12:30 pm on Monday, March 5.

Week Ten - March 12, 14, 16

-Topics(s): (1) Early Warning Intelligence (Case Study of Russia) (2) Open Source Intelligence

-Reading: Lectures 35, 43, 47 from 48 Lectures of Power

-Reflection Assignment: Due at 12:30 pm on Monday, March 12.

Week Eleven - March 18, 20

-Topics(s): (1) Counterintelligence Strategy (2) Role of CIA (3) Role of FBI

-Reading: Lecture 3 lectures of our choosing from 48 Lectures of Power

-Reflection Assignment: Due at 12:30 pm on Monday, March 18

Week Fourteen - April 9, 11, 1

-Topics(s): (1) Counterintelligence Strateg (2) Role of CIA (3) Role of FBI

-Reading: Select Chapter from War 2.0 (On Moodle)

-Reflection Assignment: Due at 12:30 pm on Monday, April 9

Week Fifteen - April 16, 18, 20

-Topics(s): (1) Counterintelligence Strateg (2) Role of CIA (3) Role of FBI

-Reading: (1) Get Smart by Joe O'Connell (2) Art of Economic Statecraft by Dmitri Murukh (Both on Moodle)

-Reflection Assignment: Due at 12:30 pm on Monday, April 16

Week Sixteen - April 23, 25, 27

-Topics(s): (1) Career Discussions: Law School, Grad School, Foreign Service, Federal Law Enforcement (2) Final Exam Review

-Reading: none

-Reflection Assignment: none

Week Seventeen - FINAL EXAM

(The Exact Date of the Exam will be announced in Class and Posted on Moodle)