

POLI 444 : Secret Intelligence in Int. System

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Course Description

Welcome students! In this course we will look at the history of secret intelligence and its influence on the international system. The course is designed to create a basic understanding of the following concepts and issues: 1. Strengths and weaknesses of both SigInt. (Signal Intelligence) and HumInt. (Human Intelligence). 2. Historical development of secret intelligence in The Soviet Union, Europe and The United States. 3. Cultural and societal influences on a nation's ability to carry out successful intelligence and counter-intelligence efforts. This course is created to help students develop a historical and analytical perspective of how secret intelligence has and sometimes more importantly has not influenced the international system. It is important to note that the course is not designed to substantively prepare students for a career in intelligence or counter-intelligence. Those interested in such careers can certainly benefit from this course, but should also focus on developing specific skills such as languages or computer programming.

Course Objectives

The primary objectives of this course are developing familiarity with (a) historical progression of secret intelligence (b) reading and comprehending materials on the topic (c) grasping the world of international relations through the prism of intelligence

Weekly Reading and Assignment Schedule

One page reflection papers should be at least 200 words in length. You get three free passes on these assignments and can choose not to turn in any three of them. If you choose to turn in all of them, I will simply drop your lowest three grades.

Week One. January 11th, 13th

- o reading is required for this week.
- o assignments are due this week.

Week Two. January 18th, 20th

Reading: Theories of International Relations (On Moodle).

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due Wednesday January 18 at 12:30 PM.

Week Three. January 23rd, 25th, 27th

Reading: Origins of the Cold War (On Moodle).

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due Monday January 23 at 12:30 PM.

Week Four. January 30th, February 1st, 3rd

Reading: From 48 Lessons of Power – Lessons 2, 3 and 11

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due Monday January 30 at 12:30 PM.

Week Five. February 6th, 8th, 10th

Reading: From 48 Lessons of Power – Lessons 14, 20 and 29.

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due Monday February 6th at 12:30 PM.

Week Six. February 13th, 15th, 17th

Reading: From 48 Lessons of Power – Lessons 35, 43, and 47

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due Monday February 13th at 12:30 PM.

—*Extra Credit Opportunity This Week: Film on Saturday February 18th.*—

Week Seven. February 20th, 22nd, 24th

Reading: From 33 Strategies of War – Strategies 1, 5 and 6.

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due on Monday February 20th at 12:30 PM.

Week Eight. March 1,3

Reading: From 33 Strategies of War – Strategies 7 and 8.

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due on Wednesday March 1st at 12:30 PM.

Week Nine. March 6th, 8th, 10th

Reading: From 33 Strategies of War – Strategies 10, 11 and 12.

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due on Monday March 6th at 12:30 PM.

Week Ten. March 13th, 15th,17th

Reading: From 33 Strategies of War – Strategies 13, 15 and 17.

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due on Monday March 13th at 12:30 PM.

Week Eleven. March 20th, 22nd, 24th Reading: From 33 Strategies of War – Strategies 20, 21, and 22. Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due on Monday March 20th at 12:30 PM.

Week Twelve. March 27th, 29th, 31st

Reading: From 33 Strategies of War – Strategies 23, 24 and 25.

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due on Monday March 27th at 12:30 PM.

Week Thirteen April 3rd, 5th, 7th

Reading: From 33 Strategies of War – Strategies 27, 29 and 30

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due on Monday April 3rd at 12:30 PM.

Week Fourteen. SPRING BREAK

Week Fifteen. April 17th, 19th, 21st

o Reading is Required for This Week

o Assignments are Due This Week.

Extra Credit Opportunity This Week: Film on Saturday April 22nd

Week Sixteen. April 24th, 26th, 28th

Reading: Re-read Theories of International Relations (On Moodle)

Assignment: One Page Paper on How Did Your Understanding of These Theories Change Over the Semester.

Week Seventeen: Final Exam