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Politics of International Security

Course objective
- Familiarize students with the main theoretical outlooks in the field;
- Present students with the most topical themes of the current international relations;
- Enable students to apply learnt theory in practical analytical work.

Course content
Politics of International Security is an introductory class in international security for 3rd year undergraduate students taking part in the International Security minor. The main purpose of this course is two-fold: to introduce students into main theoretical perspectives of the contemporary study of international security and to offer an overview of the most pertinent themes in international security. In the first part of the course, students will explore the main avenues of theoretical thinking about the international security and will learn about particular strengths and weaknesses of individual theories. In the second part of the course, students will familiarize with the most contemporary threats to international peace and security. The role of international organizations, asymmetric warfare or civil war will be studied.

Form of tuition
Seminar

Type of assessment
15% class participation
25% group presentation and paper
60% final exam

Course reading
A selection of articles and book chapter available through the UBVU e-collection (approx 30 pages per session).

Target group
Students of the International Security minor and exchange students

Security and Policing

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Course code
S_PISC ()

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Language of tuition
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Faculty
Faculteit der Sociale Wetenschappen

Teaching staff
prof. dr. W.M. Wagner, M. Onderco

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Course objective
The aim of the program is to help the students to understand the history, development and political function of policing, international policing, private policing, regulatory agencies, and the intelligence community. The ultimate goal of the course is to enable the students to formulate critical academic questions and opinions about these subjects.

Course content
The course addresses the field of national (and international) governance of security and policing with attention being paid to the manifold challenges the sector is confronted with. These concern demands resulting from the priority of safety and security in society and governance (local, national, and international) and result in dilemma’s for the security and policing organizations and professionals involved (structure and culture, including the ethical dilemmas connected to that).

Form of tuition
Interactive lectures, before each class students have read the chapters/articles and participate in the debate.

Type of assessment
Written exam

Course reading
- Additional literature will be announced on Blackboard.

Target group
Students of the International Security minor and exchange students.

Ethics and Integrity of Governance

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Course objective
The aim of the program is to familiarize the student with the conceptual framework on organizational ethics and integrity, and the state of the art of our knowledge on corruption, integrity violations and integrity management of public organizations in general and security organizations in particular. The student will be helped and stimulated to formulate own moral intuitions and opinions on these subjects.
Course content
Usually when a company is on the front-page, something went terribly wrong with its integrity. Think of Enron or Ahold. Because negative press can be devastating for the marketing and strategy of any business, nowadays no company can afford to design a strategy, without paying attention to (business) ethics. Similarly, integrity is of vital importance in every governmental policy: public trust in the integrity of government is crucial for its legitimacy and effectiveness. It is no wonder therefore that subjects such as public corruption, integrity and ethics have gained importance in the fields of public and private administration, political science, law and economics. The former limited focus on 'corruption' and what is morally wrong is changing in the direction of integrity, ethics and what is morally good. The 'Integrity and Ethics' course will discuss conceptual and theoretical developments, concentrating on integrity strategies and institutions (integrity management) and their effects on integrity. Attention will be paid to several types of organizations, but special attention will be paid to security organizations. In the course and in the classes, there will be much room to discuss actual cases and 'current affairs.'

Form of tuition
Seminar

Type of assessment
Written exam

Course reading
- And about 8 (journal) articles, listed on Blackboard.

Target group
Students of the minor in International Security

Law of International Security

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Course objective
The course is intended to provide students with a basic understanding of the international legal order, the rules governing the use of military force, and the functioning of the collective security system.

Course content
The course deals with the regulation of force in international law and the collective security system established by the United Nations Charter and other regional agreements. The first part of the course is intended
to introduce students to the basic features and principles of the international legal order. It focuses on the subjects of international law (primarily States and international organizations), the rules governing their relationships and the consequences of violations of these rules. The course then deals with the incremental process aimed at constraining the use of military force in international relations, which culminated with the general prohibition on the threat or use of force with the exception of the right to individual and collective self-defence. It then describes the creation of the United Nations collective security system and discusses its main pillars, problems and achievements. It finally explores, from both perspectives, how the new types of conflicts – including most prominently those related to the fight against international terrorism – have challenged existing international rules and security arrangements, and to what extent these rules need to be reconsidered. While the legal dimension of the course is clearly predominant, students may expect frequent insights on the question of collective security from the standpoint of international relations and politics.

Form of tuition
The course is delivered in the form of seminars and lectures.

Type of assessment
Written exam

Course reading

Target group
Students of the International Security minor

Remarks
It is obligatory to sign up for a course, for more information on dates to sign up, go to www.fsw.vu.nl/schedules.

Research Paper International Security

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Course objective
The course has the following objectives: a) acquisition and application of research skills; b) critical assessment of scholarly work; c) integration of knowledge from the various subfields of the minor.

Course content
Students are advised how to produce a brief research paper that elaborates on a topic in one of the subfields of the minor.
Form of tuition
In this course students are divided in groups that correspond to key themes in the preceding four courses. After a limited number of tutorial meetings to define a research question and to delineate the relevant literature and the main positions in it, they are to write a research report as a group. The research to be undertaken is to be mainly based on the secondary literature but is also to involve some analysis of primary data like relevant policy documents or interviews with policy makers.

Type of assessment
Paper

Course reading
To be announced

Entry requirements
Students are required to have participated fully in the other courses of the minor.

Target group
Students of the minor in International Security and exchange students.