

Course	"Environmental Security Issues"			
	Mandatory (M)	Semester 5	ECTS 5	Code
Course lecturer				
Course assistant	n/a			

Aims and Objectives	<p>Conflicts over natural resources and the environment are among the main challenges today's world. These conflicts are serious threats to human security at both the national and international levels. Natural resources and the environment can nevertheless serve as a vehicle for peace if managed in a sustainable and reasonable manner. This course on Environmental Security provides an in-depth introduction to the multiple roles that natural resources and the environment play in the onset, escalation, and resolution of, and recovery from different types of conflicts. Many of the considerations and approaches in this course are also relevant to understanding and addressing social conflicts around natural resources and the environment.</p>		
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articulate the interconnected and interdisciplinary nature of environmental security issues; • Demonstrate an integrative approach to environmental issues with a focus on sustainability; • Use critical thinking, problem-solving, and the methodological approaches of the social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities in environmental problem solving; • Understand and evaluate the global scale of environmental problems; • Reflect critically on their roles, responsibilities, and identities as citizens, consumers and environmental actors in a complex, interconnected world. 		
	Course plan		Week

content	Introduction: Syllabus elaboration: course content, method, organization and course requirements.	1		
	Evolution of Environment	2		
	Natural Resources Security	3		
	Climate change	4		
	Food and Water Security	5		
	Energy Security	6		
	Implications of Governance and natural resources on Economic Development	7		
	Natural Resources and the Environment during Armed Conflict	8		
	Case Study: Diamonds in Liberia	9		
	UN Security Council Tools for Addressing Resource Conflicts	10		
	Renewable and Nonrenewable Resources for Recovery	11		
	Environmental Security and Sustaining Peace	12		
	Presentations of research papers	13		
Final exam	15			
	Activity	Weight (%)		
	52. Interactive lectures	50%		
Teaching/learning methods	53. Seminars+exercises (research paper)	30%		
	54. Case studies	10%		
	55. Simulation of roles (role play)	5%		
	56. Study visit	5%		
Assesment methods	Assessment activity	Number	WEEK	Weight (%)
	34. Paper-Individual project	1	2-15	30%
	35. Participation in lectures	15	1-15	20%
	36. Exam	1	15	50%
Course Sources and tools of concretization	Resouces	Number		
	55. Class (eg)	1		
	56. Laboratory (eg)	n/a		
	57. Moodle	1		
	58. MATLAB/SPSS/SIMULINK software	n/a		
	59. Projector	1		
	Activity	Weekly hours	Total workload	

Charges and activities	76. Lectures	2	30
	77. exercise	1	15
	78. Consultation	n/a	10
	79. Research paper	n/a	30
	80. Independent study	3-4	38
	81. Exam	1	2
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