

Course	"Introduction to Security Studies"			
	MANDATORY (M)	Semester	ECTS	Code
		1	5	
Course lecturer				
Course assistant	n/a			
Course tutor	n/a			
Aims and Objectives	<p>This course introduces the main concepts and approaches in the study of security and includes the history, evolution, development and future of national and international security. During the course, students will learn about theoretical approaches and debates related to international politics starting from ancient to modern times, national, regional and international security institutions. The course covers many of the theoretical works in this field as well as numerous case studies dealing with national security issues affecting current world politics and international security. This course covers the various issues that arise in conjunction with the rise of the nation-state such as war, peace, conflict and consensus, and interpretations that exceed the discipline of Security Studies. Studies will include theories of peace, the origins and causes of war, the role of force in international relations, deterrence and coercion (both in theory and practice), conventional and unconventional threats to national and global security.</p>			

Learning outcomes	<p>Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the leading classical theories of security studies and how they inform thinking on contemporary security debates. • Identify key concepts that scholars and policymakers can use to frame and evaluate international security issues • Explain theories of security and the challenges governments face as they try to provide it. • Interpret key texts from the history of international politics and understand basic security concepts, such as deterrence, pre-emptive strike, bipolarity, ASHM, regime security, human security and many others. • Demonstrate the ability to understand and explain international security phenomena, as well as the broad theories and principles of international security studies. • Apply concepts to analyze contemporary security issues facing policymakers. • Understand the variety of threats to national and international security. • Produce an analytical paper on a contemporary or emerging security threat, exploring ways to improve societal resilience to the threat. 																							
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	National Security			7
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	Human security			8
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The origin of the concept of human security • Categories of human security • Implications of human security in national security 			
	The nuclear factor in International Relations			9
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The origin of nuclear weapons • The nuclear age • The role of nuclear weapons during the Cold War • Nuclear powers 			
	Organized crime and terrorism			10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organized crime • The fight against organized crime • International terrorism 			
	Intelligence Services and Security			11
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are intelligence services? • The role of intelligence in national security • Legal powers of intelligent services 			
	Preventive and coercive diplomacy			12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diplomacy as an instrument of state cooperation • Coercive Diplomacy - Theoretical Framework • Preventive diplomacy • Coercive diplomacy • Political and economic sanctions 			
	Presentations of research papers			13
	The final exam			15
Teaching/learning methods	Activity			Weight (%)
	80. Interactive lectures			50%
	81. Seminars+exercises (research paper)			30%
	82. Case studies			10%
	83. Simulation of roles (role play)			5%
	84. Study visit			5%
Assesement methods	Assessment activity	Number	WEEK	Weight (%)
	55. Paper-Individual project	1	2-15	30%
	56. Participation in lectures	15	1-15	20%
	57. Exam	1	15	50%
Course Sources and tools of concretization	Resouces			Number
	86. Class (eg)			1
	87. Laboratory (eg)			n/a
	88. Moodle			1
	89. MATLAB/SPSS/SIMULINK software			n/a

	90. Projector	1	
Charges and activities	Activity	Weekly hours	Total workload
	110. Lectures	2	30
	111. exercise	1	15
	112. Consultation	0.5	7
	113. Research paper	n/a	21
	114. Independent study	5	50
	115. Exam	1	2
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