



PRESENTACIÓN

Breve descripción:

- **Titulación:** DOUBLE DEGREE IM LAW AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
- **Módulo/Materia:** INTERNATIONAL SECURITY POLICY
- **ECTS:** SIX (6)
- **Curso, semestre:** SECOND SEMESTER
- **Carácter:** COMPULSORY
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RESULTADOS DE APRENDIZAJE (Competencias)

CB2	Que los estudiantes sepan aplicar sus conocimientos a su trabajo o vocación de una forma profesional y posean las competencias que suelen demostrarse por medio de la elaboración y defensa de argumentos y la resolución de problemas dentro de su área de estudio
CB3	Que los estudiantes tengan la capacidad de reunir e interpretar datos relevantes (normalmente dentro de su área de estudio) para emitir juicios que incluyan una reflexión sobre temas relevantes de índole social, científica o ética
CB4	Que los estudiantes puedan transmitir información, ideas, problemas y soluciones a un público tanto especializado como no especializado
CB5	Que los estudiantes hayan desarrollado aquellas habilidades de aprendizaje necesarias para emprender estudios posteriores con un alto grado de autonomía



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CG01	Analizar, valorar y razonar las diferentes situaciones internacionales a la luz de los conocimientos adquiridos
CG02	Negociar, mediar, persuadir y comunicar con firmeza en el ámbito de las relaciones internacionales
CG03	Redactar e interpretar textos jurídicos, especialmente en el ámbito del Derecho internacional público
CG05	Saber expresarse oralmente de manera correcta y adecuada sobre temas internacionales
CE16	Analizar los diferentes conflictos internacionales, sus causas, desarrollo y efectos sobre los países y la sociedad internacional
CE21	Evaluar las posibles soluciones a los conflictos internacionales

PROGRAMA

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LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION. PERSPECTIVES ON SECURITY



Security is one of man's basic needs. It provides the framework to the development of any other human activity. Since the most remote antiquity, Individuals and human groups have understood this reality and dedicated significant resources to find protection from threats coming from nature or from other groups. Today, the provision of security is, in fact, the main responsibility of a state towards its citizens.

In the traditional sense of International Relations studies, the term "security" has been employed to describe what states do to preserve the lives, welfare, and values of their citizens from any external threat of military nature. More recently, however, the term has been expanded to incorporate non-military threats or risks that may compromise the security of states or of their members. The term has won in complexity

Security studies is a sub-discipline of International Relations born after the carnage of World War I out of the desire to avoid its horrors again. This Lesson 1 will define the contours of the discipline and introduce some key concepts of regular use in International Security Studies (ISS).

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Know the contents of the ISS course and understand the rationale behind its organization and the choice of topics.
- Understand the different approaches to ISS existing today. Get acquainted with the variety of topics and issues which fall within the concept.
- Familiarize with some key concepts of regular use in ISS.

LESSON TOPICS

1. - Presentation of ISP
2. - Definitions of Security
3. - Security during the Cold War
4. - Security after the Cold War: Buzan and the expansion of the concept
5. Securitization: The Copenhagen School

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LESSON 2: IIRR PARADIGMS & SECURITY

The International System (IS) is the scenario where security actors interact and the place where threats and risks to their security materialize. The rational foundations, organization, and dynamics of the system influence the way how its members -nation-states by default- relate to one another and how they define their security and deal with the security challenges they must confront.

It seems reasonable, therefore, to open a course on International Security Studies with the analysis of the most important IIRR paradigms. Paradigms are basically widely held views about the nature of the International System and how states behave within it. The three dominant paradigms are those of realism, liberalism, and constructivism.

Each paradigm starts with a unique set of assumptions about state behavior. Realists view the international arena as a competitive 'self-help' system, in which states pursue their own interests at the expense of others. Whereas realists tend to focus on interests and conflict, liberals contend there also are opportunities in the international system for cooperation among states. Finally, constructivists argue that international relations are not inevitably subject to human nature or the vagaries of the international order. Instead, just as domestic agents and social structures help shape culture, identity, and interests, the norms of international relations are socially constructed over time.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Learn the main paradigms of International Relations and their rational foundations.
- Understand the meaning and implications for International Security of the approaches under consideration.
- Be able to reach self-elaborated conclusions about the validity and actual applicability of the approaches offered in the lesson.

LESSON TOPICS



1. - The Security Dilemma
2. - Offense-Defense balance
3. - Democratic Peace Theory
4. - Uncertainty
5. - Great Power Rivalry

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LESSON 3: INTERNATIONAL SECURITY INSTITUTIONS

A new world order was born from the ashes of World War II. This order, sponsored by the United States, the country which emerged from the conflict as the most important and influential power, was based on the principles of political liberalism. Short of constituting a global government to regulate relations among states, the new order was based on a web of international institutions empowered to set rules by which all members of the International Community must abide.

Prominent among those institutions, and key in the preservation of international peace and security is the Organization of the United Nations. Born in 1945 with the main purpose, stated in its Charter, of maintaining international peace and security, it has a mixed record of successes and failures, but it has proved to be an indispensable forum where nations may bring their grievances and solve them peacefully.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Learn how the United Nations are organized and work, with the emphasis placed on the General Assembly and the Security Council.
- Get familiarized with the main points in the UN Charter and learn the contents and meaning of its Articles VI and VII.
- Understand the role of the United Nations today, identify arguments in favor and against reform of its institutions.

LESSON TOPICS



1. - What are International Institutions?
2. - Types of International Institutions and Organizations
3. - Security Institutions
4. - The United Nations as a Security Institution
5. - Regional Institutions: African Union (AU), Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe , (OSCE); ASEAN

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LESSON 4: SECURITY COOPERATION. ALLIANCES AND COALITIONS



When states define their security strategies, they often realize that their objectives are broad and cannot be met with the means available to the state. There are three basic ways how states may face this imbalance; either they increase the defense budget to the detriment of expenditure in other equally necessary areas, or at the cost of increasing the national debt; or they leave areas uncovered, assuming certain security risks; or they try to make up for the imbalance by other means.

Forging alliances or coalitions is a way to compensate the security deficit, and to match ends and means. Alliances make a state stronger and reach beyond whatever it could do were it on its own. Sharing a security goal with other actors may also positively contribute to its legitimacy.

Alliances and coalitions do not come, however, without strings attached. In fact, they may sacrifice some of a state's strategic ends on the altar of the common good, and constraint that state's freedom of action. Participation in them must be, therefore, carefully pondered, bearing in mind the famous Churchill's dictum that: *"There is only one thing worse than fighting with allies, and that is fighting without them."*

NATO is, so far, the most successful and long alliance in world's History. It was founded in 1949 and became the cornerstone of Western security during the Cold War. From the original twelve signatories that signed the Treaty of Washington in 1949, NATO has expanded to today's thirty members and has been active in different scenarios in Europe and out of the continent, contributing to long years of peace and stability in Europe.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Get acquainted with the concepts of alliance and coalition and understand the differences between them.
- Understand the advantages and disadvantages of forging alliances and coalitions.
- Get familiarized with NATO organization, role, and missions.
- Assess the value of NATO in the current world order.

LESSON TOPICS



1. - Alliances and Coalitions: differences
2. - Advantages/Disadvantages
3. - NATO: Organization
4. - NATO Issues
5. - NATO in action: NATO Operations
6. - NATO Strategic Concept
7. - Madrid Summit Results
8. - CSTO

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LESSON 5: HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION AND PEACE OPERATIONS

One of the ways how the International Community prevents armed conflict and maintains peace is through the so-called International Peace Operations (PO). In POs, international military forces deploy under UN flag to prevent escalation of a conflict into an armed confrontation, to buttress peace when the parties to an armed conflict have agreed to put an end to hostilities, or even to force peace on belligerents.

Peace Operations enjoy a legitimacy granted by the United Nations Chapter. A UN security Council-drafted mandate is the basis upon which multinational forces operate in POs, and the document that sets the limits to what those forces are allowed to do while deployed.

The first POs were executed soon after the creation of the United Nations in 1945. Since then, they have been a major contributor to world peace. Their record, however, is mixed, as has been the performance of the soldiers deployed and operating under UN flag; the so-called "blue helmets." This has led the United Nations on two occasions to review the effectiveness of POs and to a closer scrutiny of those participating in them.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Identify the legal foundation of Peace Operations
- Get familiarized with the different kinds of Peace Operations and understand the differences among them
- Understand the possibilities and limitations of Peace Operations
- Know the changes introduced in POs along the years to improve their effectiveness.



LESSON TOPICS

1. - Humanitarian Intervention
2. - Responsibility to Protect (R2P)
3. - Types of Peace Operations
4. - Historical review
5. - Principles of UN Operations
6. - Legal foundations of UN POs
7. - The concept of Pos today (multi-dimensional)
8. - Current UN deployments
9. - Case Study UN PO in Congo
10. - Problems with PO: High Level Panel (HIPPO); Brahimi Report

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LESSON 6: COERCION; DETERRENCE; COMPELLENCE

Coercion is a strategy of frequent use in the field of international security. It is based on the threat of use of force to shape the behavior of an actor, forcing him to refrain from acting in a way we do not want, or to behave in a way that favors us.

Much of the interaction between the United States and the Soviet Union during the Cold War was based on the deterrence provided by the enormous destructive power of atomic energy. For this reason, coercion has often appeared associated to the employment of nuclear forces. Actually, coercion can be and is used in non-nuclear environments.

Coercion is a complicated strategy which ultimately hinges on the coerced state's decision to comply or not with whatever is requested from him. Neither its application nor its outcome is straightforward. However, knowing its basic principles, possibilities, and limitations are a *sine qua non* condition for coercion to have a chance to succeed. This chapter equips the student with these basic concepts.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Understand the meaning of the concepts of Coercion, Deterrence, and Compellence and the differences among them.
- Identify the conditions for effective coercion and familiarize the student with the different methods of coercion.
- Understand the difficulties inherent to the effective, successful application of coercion.



LESSON TOPICS

1. - Coercion
2. - Deterrence,
3. - Compellence
4. - Coercive Diplomacy

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LESSONS 7: ARMS CONTROL. NUCLEAR WEAPONS



Policies of arms control and disarmament are rooted on the idea that increases in the stocks of weapons -be they conventional or nuclear- states amass are conducive to instability and to a decrease in their levels of individual and collective security.

Disarmament aims at the total elimination of weapons or, at least, of entire categories of weapons deemed as especially destructive or heinous. One of the ideas behind disarmament is that which puts the blame for violent conflict in the mere existence of weapons. The corollary, thus, is that the elimination of weapons will mean the end of armed conflict. Arms control seeks to keep the level of weapons, or categories thereof, under certain thresholds to avoid the possibility of armed conflict or to limit the damage those conflict may inflict.

Because the destructive power of these weapons, the issue of nuclear arms control and non-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) is of particular importance to international security. A nuclear arms control regime supported by a verification system was instrumental in preventing a nuclear confrontation from happening. Today, the collapse of that regime, together with the increase in the number of nations willing to acquire a nuclear arsenal translates in a worrying insecurity framework.

Proliferation is an activity related to arms control. The term refers to the efforts conducted to avoid the spread of a certain category of weapons (typically Weapons of Mass Destruction, WMDs) beyond the countries already in possession of them, or the increase in numbers within the states that have them.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Understand the concepts of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation, and the differences among them.
- Get familiarized with the most important international arms control and disarmament Treaties.
- Get familiarized with Non-Proliferation and the existing non-proliferation regime.

LESSON TOPICS



1. - Types of weapons: conventional and WMD
2. - Arms Control; Disarmament; Non-Proliferation
3. - Types of disarmament
4. - Verification
5. - Nuclear Non-Proliferation:
 - Historical review
 - NPT (touch on last Review Conference)
 - New-START
 - JCPOA
 - Dirty bombs
6. - Chemical Weapons Convention
7. - Biological Weapons Convention
8. - Conventional Armaments:
 - Traffic
9. - CFE Treaty

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LESSON 8: WAR TODAY. THE FUTURE OF WAR



Despite the diversification the concept of security has experienced along the past decades, its military component continues to be paramount because protection from military aggression from others and the of military power to forward a state's foreign policy objectives continues to be the element upon which security of other dimensions.

War is neither a social aberration nor a mass psychological disorder. For all the talk about today's decrease in the use of war, war continues to be a rational instrument of in the hands of policymakers to achieve political objectives. Hence its inclusion in a program on International Security.

This Lesson looks into the character of war today, its character, the different forms it acquires today, the impact of technological development in it, and its likely future

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Understand the difference between the nature and the character of war and how the latter changes while the former remains unchanged.
- Get acquainted with new ways of warfare, particularly with the concepts of Gray Zone and Hybrid Warfare.
- Familiarize with the role technology plays in the evolution of war.

LESSON TOPICS

1. - Nature of war
2. - Evolution of war (generations)
3. How is it fought
4. - New Paradigms
 - Kaldor's New Wars
 - Rupert Smith's War Amongst the People
 - Hybrid War
 - Operations in the Gray Zone
 - Unrestricted Warfare
5. - Multidomain operations

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LESSONS 9 & 10: TERRORISM AND ORGANIZED CRIME

Terrorism is both a tactic and a strategy already used by groups as far away from us in time as the Zealots fighting in Palestine against the Roman Empire. Although modern forms of terrorism have scourged Europe and Palestine since the 1960s, they have come in the international limelight only as a consequence of the devastating terrorist attacks of 9/11 and of their sequels of London, Madrid, or Paris.

Since the late 1990s, a new breed of terrorists is twisting the tenets of Islam to justify the use of violence, claiming to represent the whole Islam. This travesty, rejected by scores of believers in Muslim nations, has been confronted by the community of democratic nations with different tools, the military among them.

Religion-based terrorism, however, is proving extremely resilient and adaptable. Moreover, fanaticism and the promise of rewards of a supernatural order make ending it a very complicated endeavor.

To compound these difficulties, terrorist groups are colluding with transnational organized crime networks to smuggle activists, weapons, and equipment from safe havens into areas of employment, or to launder extortion money. The collusion is sometimes so close that it is difficult to differentiate the terrorist group from the criminal gang.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Understand terrorism as a strategy and as a procedure: its roots, motivations, objectives, and tactics.
- Know how states fight terrorism and how terrorism adapts to survive and resist.
- Appraise the impact transnational organized crime has on state's and global security and its connections to international terrorism.

LESSON TOPICS



1. - Terrorism:

- What is terrorism
- Waves/Types of terrorism
- The profile of the terrorist
- Trends in terrorism: Lone Wolves...
- Security Measures against terrorism
- Counterterrorism

2. - Criminal Groups

- What is transnational organized crime?
- Categories/Types of international crime
- Transnational Crime and Terrorism
- State Responses
- UN Convention Against Organized Crime

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LESSON 11: PRIVATIZATION OF WAR. STATE FAILURE

The idea of employing military personnel whose primary motivation is financial remuneration, rather than allegiance to the state is not a new phenomenon. Mercenaries have existed since times immemorial. For several reasons, the use of Private Military and Security Companies (PMSCs) to perform an ever-broader range of tasks in Zones of Operations has experienced a dramatic increase in the two first decades of the 21st century.

Using PMSCs has some advantages. It also comes with some strings attached, though, the ethical problems associated with their employment being probably the most obvious one.

The second part of the lesson will discuss the phenomenon of state failure as a security threat, not just for the citizens of those states, but also for the international community. When a state fails in a region, the whole region feels the impact of failure in diverse ways.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Be introduced to the presence and use of PMSC and to their roles
- Understand the pros and cons (ethical issues among them) of using PMSCs.
- Get familiarized with failing and failed states, and with ungoverned spaces
- Understand the security impact of state failure

LESSON PLAN

1. - Private Military Security Companies (PMSCs):
 - What are PMSC
 - What do they provide?
 - Pros and cons of using PMSC
 - Are they mercenaries?
 - The ICRC Montreux Document
 - The cases of the Wagner Group and Blackwater
2. - State Failure:
 - Failing states, failed states, ungoverned spaces
 - Causes of state failure
 - Security impact of state failure
 - How to fix failed states
3. - The Fragile States Index

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LESSON 12: CYBERSECURITY



The exponential rate of technological change, particularly in Information Technology (IT), is changing the practice of international relations and the pursuit of international security. It does so by presenting new challenges and opening the door to new opportunities.

The influence of technology on international security may have many different manifestations. It may, for example, multiply the reach, lethality, or survivability of conventional weapons, expanding the battlefields to limits so far unimagined. It may also increase the capacity of contenders to gather information on their respective activities, thus increasing their situational awareness. It may also shorten their decision-making cycles, even eliminate man from selected decision loops.

Technology has turned the space and the cyberspace into new domains relevant from the point of view of security. As the number of actors with the wherewithal to access this domain grows, outer space becomes more and more an arena for international competition. Issues like the weaponization of space, the increasing number of space debris orbiting at high speeds around planet Earth, the use of space by private companies, or the race to gain access to resources, even to colonize space, will surely have -it already does- an impact on international security and may spark conflict.

Cybersecurity has become a key issue in global security. Originally the primary domain of military and intelligence activities, the cyberspace is no longer the exclusive province of states. Non-state actors, like criminal gangs, terrorists, or *hacktivists*, have adapted cyber power for their own purposes, and may disrupt cyber networks vital for the development of life as we know it in the developed world.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Familiarize with the basic concepts of use in the field of cybersecurity
- Identify the main threats in the cyberspace
- Understand the main legal and ethical issues related to the use of the cyberspace for security purposes

LESSON PLAN

1. - Cybersecurity: Terminology and typology
2. - Actors
3. - Threats
4. - The issue of attribution
5. - International norms: Budapest and Tallinn

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LESSON 13: OUTER SPACE



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LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Understand the interaction between technology and security.
- Be acquainted with the main aspects related to the use of outer space and the implications that use may have on international security.
- Understand the limitations international legislation puts on the use of outer space by members of the international community.

LESSON TOPICS

1. - Outer Space and Security
2. - UN Outer Space Treaty
3. - The issue of space debris
4. - The weaponization of space



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LESSON 14: HUMAN SECURITY



The term “Human Security” was coined in the mid-1990s in explicit opposition to the dominant realist approach to security, shifting the focus away from the state and onto the fears, needs, and priorities of ordinary people, under the assumption that the security of states did not necessarily coincide with the security and interests of people.

The concept tried, at its inception, to go beyond a narrow understanding of security that saw it from an exclusively military point of view and bound to states. Interacting in an anarchic international system. Human Security incorporates issues that go beyond the use of military power to protect the state. As the 1994 UNDP Report states: “Human Security is not a concern with weapons -it is a concern with human life and dignity.”

Human Security approaches security from the point of view of its two components of “freedom from fear” and “freedom from want” and consists of a hodgepodge of concepts linked to direct human needs to include environmental security, humanitarian intervention and Responsibility to Protect, poverty, food and water security.

Although not strictly within the realm of Human Security, the lesson also considers the consequences climate change has and may have on the security of individuals at a global scale.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Get familiarized with the categories considered under the rubric Human Security.
- Understand the role and responsibility of states as main providers of Human Security.
- Understand the concept of Responsibility to Protect (R2P) and assess its validity.
- Identify the interrelation between climate change and security.

LESSON TOPICS



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1. - Concept of Human Security
2. - Historical background
3. - A critique to HS
4. - UNDP Human Development Report 1994
5. - The Commission of Human Security (CHS) Report 2001
6. - Millenium Development Goals (MDG)
7. - Main Threats to HS:
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 - World Poverty
 - Food Security
8. - Migrations

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LESSON 15: ENERGY SECURITY

This lesson examines growing concerns over global energy security. With a particular focus on the politics of oil, it will assess the ways in which increasing energy insecurity amongst the world's major powers will impact upon international security more broadly, and will discuss different understandings of the likelihood of future "resource wars" and a new era of geopolitical rivalry.



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LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Understand the impact of issues associated with energy supply on international security.
- Get acquainted with how nations may weaponize energy supply.
- Understand the shifts in the international balance of power associated with energy transition.

LESSON TOPICS

1. - A definition of Energy Security
2. - Energy Sources
3. - Energy Security: the FOUR As
4. - Energy Security Strategies

READINGS



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LESSON 16: GENOCIDE, WAR CRIMES, ETHNIC VIOLENCE



This lesson covers the concepts of 'genocide' -the destruction of human groups, and the range of atrocities classified as 'crimes against humanity'.

The lesson also presents international efforts conducted to prevent or punish war crimes and genocide. The introduction of the "Responsibility to Protect" concept and the establishment of the International Criminal Court are among the most relevant measures.

Finally, a reference will be made to ethnic violence and its security dimensions.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Understand the concepts of 'genocide', 'war crimes', and 'crimes against humanity'
- Get acquainted with the efforts conducted to prevent and punish war crimes (R2P, ICC)
- Understand the nature, characteristics, and security dimensions of ethnic conflicts

LESSON TOPICS

1. - What is genocide?
2. - What are War Crimes? Typology
3. - Crimes against humanity
4. - Responsibility to Protect (R2P) concept
5. - International Response to War Crimes:
 - Nürnberg, Tokyo Trials
 - The International Criminal Court (ICC)
6. - Ethnic conflicts:
 - What is ethnic conflict? Examples
 - Theories of ethnic conflict
 - Causes of violent ethnic conflict
7. - International security dimensions of ethnic conflicts

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LESSON 17: INTELLIGENCE



Intelligence is an instrument of statecraft and an enabler of all the components of national power. Both the function and product of this activity play a role in the formulation and execution of national security policy and strategy.

Intelligence is the eyes and ears of the policymaker. It gathers information and interprets it to provide the policy- and decisionmakers with elements upon which to base their judgements on the situation and decide.

Although technology has lengthened the reach of intelligence and broadened its possibilities to limits up to now unimaginable, policymakers must be aware of its limitations and pitfalls if he wants to avoid them. For all intelligence may achieve in shedding light on the "other side of the hill," it cannot penetrate the minds of the opposing leaders. Moreover, it cannot escape the danger of it being politicized by the very same leaders to whom it serves.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Understand the role intelligence plays in security policy and strategy makings, its possibilities, limitations, and the cyclical nature of the intelligence process.
- Get acquainted with the different intelligence disciplines.
- Comprehend the risk of politicization of intelligence.

LESSON TOPICS

1. - Intelligence and Information+
2. - Principles and characteristics of Intelligence
3. - Types of intelligence
4. - The Intelligence Cycle
5. - Intelligence and politics
6. - Intelligence services
7. - Issues with intelligence
8. - Covert Operations
9. - Deception

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LESSONS 18 & 19: SECURITY POLICY CRAFTING

One of the core functions of a nation-state is to provide for the security and safety of its citizens. Decision-makers must prioritize and manage security threats within the context of a new security paradigm that encompasses military and non-military threats. A well-designed formulation process is critical to meeting this objective.

A state's unique set of national interests and values will shade the contours of its national policy and strategy. While national security policy lays out broad priorities within the context of a national vision, the strategy describes how, including with what resources, it means to achieve them.

It is also worth remarking that the process is as least as important as the product. A well-designed process builds internal and external support for the policy or strategy themselves. In addition to delivering a baseline for shared principles across security sector institutions, the process provides a framework for cross-government coordination. Other challenges include problems achieving consensus, and difficulty prioritizing security challenges.

LESSON OBJECTIVES



- Understand the role National Interests play in the definition of a state's National Security Policy
- Get acquainted with the process followed to craft National Security and Strategy
- Familiarize with the contents of some of the existing National Security Strategies

LESSON TOPICS

1. - The Role of Security Policy
2. - How to craft policy/strategy
3. - Definition of interests and objectives
4. - Government organizations for policy crafting
5. - Decision-making

READINGS

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LESSON 20: STRATCOM



Today's communication capabilities greatly amplify the impact and speed of change in foreign and domestic public opinion and the subsequent influence of that change on the activities and the security of any state. A threat may use the information environment to advance his objectives and undermine one's ability to do the same.

To offset the negative impact of a threat's use of the informational domain, and to shape that domain, states may resort to Strategic Communication (STRATCOM). STRATCOM is a multidisciplinary activity states -or other actors in the international arena- use to coordinate and synchronize the many elements operating in the information environment in order preserve and enhance their credibility.

Strategic Communication is meant to create, strengthen or preserve conditions favorable for the advancement of the state's interests, policies, and objectives through the use of coordinated programs, plans, themes, messages, and products synchronized with the actions of all instruments of national power.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Understand the importance of prevailing in the information domain -win the battle of the narratives and the STRATCOM plays in the security of an actor.
- Identify the different components of STRATCOM and understand how they are coordinated and synchronized.
- Get familiarized with the principles of effective STRATCOM.

LESSON TOPICS

1. - What is STRATCOM
2. - Principles
3. - Components/tools of STRATCOM
4. - Narratives
5. - STRATCOM in International Security
6. - Public Diplomacy
7. - The issue of propaganda

READINGS



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LESSON 21: REGIONAL SECURITY (I)

This lesson will review some of the more pressing security issues affecting Europe. The palette of issues includes some as the assertiveness of countries like Turkey or Russia; migrations; energy; terrorism; climate change; proliferation; nationalisms; cybersecurity; Arctic Issues; demographics; etc.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Get acquainted with the most relevant security issues in Europe.

LESSON TOPICS

1. - Geopolitical review of Europe
2. - The EU Project
3. - Russia
4. - Declining demography
5. - Illegal, uncontrolled immigration
6. - Terrorism and organized crime
7. - Internal conflicts: nationalisms and separatisms
8. - Energy Security
9. - Instability in the Sahel
10. - Territorial disputes
11. - Turkey
12. - Balkans

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LESSON 22: REGIONAL SECURITY (II)



This lesson will review some of the more pressing security issues affecting Africa. Beyond the traditional security threats, many of them related to the continent's colonial past, Africa is ridden by an array of Human Security issues like the effects of global warming, environmental issues, food security, or uncontrolled migrations.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Get acquainted with the most relevant security issues in Africa.

LESSON TOPICS

1. - Geopolitical analysis of Africa
2. - The colonial past: civil war and border disputes
3. - State Failure
4. - Human Security (health, food...)
5. - Environmental issues
6. - Islamist terrorism
7. - Migrations
8. - The curse of natural resources
9. - Piracy
10. - China's inroads
11. - The African Union (AU)

READINGS

REQUIRED:

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LESSON 23: REGIONAL SECURITY (III)

The United States casts its shadow over the entire American continent. While preserving the whole continent from big scale war, the everpresent influence of the US over the Americas has other security consequences like the thriving of illegal narcotics traffic attracted by the US drug markets, the flow of migrants from Central and South America looking for a new life northward, or the export of the street gangs violence model from cities like Los Angeles to countries like El Salvador.

LESSON OBJECTIVES



- Get acquainted with the most relevant security issues in the Americas.

LESSON TOPICS

1. - Geopolitical analysis of the Americas
2. - Maras and Organized Crime
3. - Populism
4. - Border disputes
5. - Migrations
6. - China and the Americas

READINGS

REQUIRED:

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LESSON 24: REGIONAL SECURITY (IV)

It is a commonplace to say that the center of gravity of international security has shifted toward Asia. China looms in the continent like the most important security concern as well as like the biggest pole of development.

China is not, though, the only security issue in Asia. WMD proliferation, civil war in Myanmar, state failure in Afghanistan, border disputes, or the effects of global warming on millions of human beings are among the most pressing ones.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Get acquainted with the most relevant security issues in Asia.



LESSON TOPICS

1. - Geopolitical analysis of Asia
2. - Environmental security
3. - China
4. - Nuclear Proliferation
5. - War in Myanmar
6. - Border Disputes
7. - Afghanistan

READINGS

REQUIRED:

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LESSON 25: REGIONAL SECURITY (V)

One of the effects of global warming is the partial opening up the Arctic Ocean to commercial navigation. The melting of the ice cap that covers the Arctic will also facilitate access to the natural resources under the seabed which, in turn, may foster international competition, even conflict, for their exploitation.

Antarctica is the last preserve of Humanity. Although the continent is protected by International Law, it is also under huge pressures to exploit its vast natural resources.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Get acquainted with the most relevant security issues in the Arctic and Antarctica.

LESSON TOPICS



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1. - Geopolitical analysis of Arctic and Antarctica
2. - The Arctic Council
3. - Territorial Claims
4. - Antarctic issues
5. - The Antarctic Treaty

READINGS



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ACTIVIDADES FORMATIVAS



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Each lesson will comprise a two-hour in-class block. Some of them will be dedicated to the practical application of concepts, or to team or individual work on a task assigned by the faculty.

During the course, students are expected to:

- Be present. Students are expected to be physically present in the classes. Unannounced and unjustified absences may be interpreted as lack of commitment to the course. Coming to the classroom implies a disposition to fully participate in the class activities and to show a positive attitude towards the faculty and students alike. Justified absences will have to be approved by the Law School.
- Arrival: Students are expected to arrive on time. The faculty reserves the right to deny access to the classroom to late arrivals. If you come late, give the faculty an explanation before the end of the lesson
- Early release from class: If you need to leave earlier request authorization from the faculty before class starts
- Come prepared to the lesson: Carefully read and understand the assigned texts prior to the session. Complete the tasks assigned for the lesson. Be mindful that the Required Readings will be in many cases used to stimulate debates in the classroom, and that participation in these debates will be part of the final grade.
- Complete all the course requirements: Failing to complete any of the requirements will result in automatic failure in the subject. The requirements will be adjusted to the standards provided in this syllabus
- Follow through the media current events relevant to the subject. Your work and preparation does not end when you are done reading the mandatory texts. It is expected of you to follow national and international news through quality media of your choice, depending on your language skills
- Actively participate in the class discussions. Come prepared to raise questions they might have about the material and to express your opinions on the topics discussed in the session. Express them clearly, openly, politely and in a way always respectful to other's views
- Actively participate in the team activities
- Engage in a personal effort to increase their understanding of the topics under discussion through individual study; monitorization of current International Security issues; exercise of constructive critical thinking; and progressive familiarization with key literature
- Observe basic classroom etiquette rules and policy as dictated by UNAV (food, drinks, dress code, etc.). During the online sessions, avoid eat and drink, and present yourself properly.

These aspects will be pondered in the final assessment.

Class activities

Typically, classes will consist of a combination of lecturing by the faculty or a guest lecturer, student's presentations, discussion of a security-related event that happened the week before, and debate on the required reading or on another text.

In some cases, the lesson will involve the planning and execution of a team or individual exercise or activity.



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Student briefings

Students may be asked to deliver a short presentation on a security-related topic, or on the conclusions reached by the team in the group activities. Briefings may be supported by a presentation.

Readings

Every lesson includes a selection of readings. There are two categories:

REQUIRED: They must be critically read and understood. They will be used for in-class debate.

RECOMMENDED: Students are encouraged to read them. They are there to complete information and to give you background.

Readings (except books) will be posted on ADI under the respective LESSON folder. Alternatively, an Internet link may be provided to access the reading.

Current Events

Whenever appropriate and convenient, lessons will usually begin with a short discussion of current events related to International Security. The intention here is to foster interest in security-related events and promote an informed in-class debate to enrich the group.

Teams

Some activities are to be performed by teams. Each student will be included in a team and will be required to actively cooperate in the team's activities.

Academic Integrity

Students must abide by the highest standards of academic integrity. Examples of academic fraud include, among other possibilities:

- Plagiarism: When you use one author's idea without giving him credit for it (through citations), you commit plagiarism. It is a serious academic offense and will not be tolerated. Plagiarized papers will automatically be graded "0"
- Cheating of any kind
- Submitting work of which the student is not the author

Electronic devices policy

Electronic devices are NOT authorized unless otherwise indicated by the faculty.

Smart phones must be SWITCHED OFF or put in PLANE MODE. They must be KEPT OFF the desks at all times.

Use of laptops may be authorized to complete class tasks. You may bring them, but they will have to be SWITCHED OFF unless authorized by the faculty.

EVALUACIÓN



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Students will be subject to continuous assessment during the course. The final grade in the subject will result from the following:

CLASS PARTICIPATION (15%): Attendance of students to the weekly lessons is expected and will be reflected in the final grade. Participation will require in-class physical presence unless for students exceptionally authorized to participate online, and participation and engagement in all planned online activities. Both kinds of participation have the same value.

Students are also expected to come to the lesson having read the required reading and any other paper eventually given by the faculty, and ready to discuss it.

Beyond presence, physical or telematic, participation implies a proactive and positive attitude of the student toward the class; familiarity with the required readings; constructive, informed, respectful, contribution to the class discussions; or concentration on the tasks and avoidance of distractions with, for example, electronic devices.

The assessment of this concept will include other aspects like participation in team activities, presentation of team results to the class, short presentations directed by the faculty, or other contributions.

QUIZZES (20%): The quizzes are short-answer tests on topics -current events, required readings, class material- related to the program. They will be announced. Failure to complete one quiz because of an unjustified absence will result in a 0 (zero) in the specific quiz.

TWO-PAGERS (25%): "Two-pagers" are short, individual, handwritten, analyses of a security-related issue brought by the faculty, that students will have to complete in class when requested. They will be duly announced. Failure to complete one two-pager because of an unjustified absence will result in a 0 (zero) in the specific test. NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES WILL BE PERMITTED. Papers will be gauged against the following aspects:

1. The paper must show the student has reviewed and edited the written text to polish the style and make the text readable before submitting it.
2. Ideas must be logically arranged in the paper. Introduction, main body with argumentation, and conclusions must be easily recognizable.
4. Papers must be original. PLAGIARISM is a serious academic offence, will not be tolerated, and will count against the paper's grade

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FINAL EXAM (40% and a minimum grade of 5 over 10): Students must successfully complete a final exam in a format to be determined.



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Success in the subject REQUIRES:

1. - Complete at least one TWO-PAGER and one QUIZ
2. - A minimum grade of 4 over 10 in the final exam

FAILURE TO OBTAIN, AT LEAST, A GRADE OF 4, IN THE FINAL EXAM WILL RESULT IN FAILURE IN THE COURSE.

CRITERIA FOR JUNE EXAMS: To succeed in the course in JUNE, the following criteria must be met:

1. - Write an exam on the determined day
2. - Get a minimum grade of FIVE (5) in that exam
3. - Complete at least a TWO-PAGER and a QUIZ
4. - The faculty will factor overall performance of the student into the final grade in June

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THE FACULTY TAKE ONLINE TESTS TO THE STUDENTS, NEITHER IN MAY NOR IN JUNE.

HORARIOS DE ATENCIÓN

By appointment, either in campus or online. Requests may be forwarded to the email ssanchezt@external.unav.es

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