Course program and reading list
Semester 1 Year 2022

School: Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy M.A

Advanced Issues in Strategy and Deterren

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Course No.: 24308  Course Type : Lecture  Weekly Hours : 4  Credit: 4

Course Requirements : Final Paper

Group Code : 221243080

Language: English

Course Description

The seminar overviews evolution of contemporary strategic thought, as an academic theory (i.e. strategic studies discipline), and as a tool of practice (i.e. national security policy). The course introduces participants to analytical techniques for peacetime and wartime interactions in international relations, with specific focus on conventional, sub-conventional and non-conventional aspects of modern military strategy. The course achieves its aim by taking the participants through three meta-themes: (i) evolution of modern warfare and contemporary strategic thought; (ii) tools and methods of national security analysis; and (iii) selected issues in contemporary international security policy.
Course Goals

Grading
Final paper - 100%.

Reading List

Legend
• Required Reading
  ◦ Recommended Reading

Part One: Evolution of Modern Warfare and Contemporary Strategic Thought

Theme 1: War in IR, Strategic Studies Discipline and Evolution of Modern Warfare


Theme 2: Conventional War, Asymmetry and Military Innovations


◦ Alex Wilner, “Deterring the Undeterred,” *Journal of Strategic Studies*, vol.34. no.1, 2011.

Theme 3: **Strategy and Deterrence in the First and the Second Nuclear Ages**


• Recommended Movies: *Dr. Strangelove*, *13 Days*, and *On the Brink of Apocalypses*.

Part Two: Tools and Methods of National Security Policy

Theme 4: **Intelligence and National Security**


• Uri Bar-Joseph and Jack S. Levy, "Conscious Action and the Study of Intelligence
Theme 5: **Strategic Culture Theory**


Theme 6: **Net-Assessment and Competitive Strategies**


Part Three: **Selected Issues in Contemporary International Security**

Theme 7: **Emerging Russia, Great Powers’ Competition and Contemporary Strategy**

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Theme 8: **Emerging China, Great Powers’ Competition and Contemporary Strategy**

(Guest Lecture)

- TBA
Theme 9: **Emerging Technologies and Contemporary Strategy** (Guest Lecture)

- TBA

Theme 10: **Emerging Strategic Futures**