

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND NUCLEAR STRATEGY

**POLI 4040**

**500-0750 PM W 0220 STUBBS**

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#### Course Introduction:

The course is aimed, by and large, at offering a sweeping survey and a broad-based introduction to the major theoretical trends and paradigmatic traditions that define, organize, and drive the field of strategic and security studies in its contemporary context. Particular emphasis will be placed on issues like “causation, anatomy, and evolutionary trajectory of war and strategy,” “security and strategy in the nuclear age,” “terrorism, insurgency, and fourth generation warfare,” “U.S. national security traditions and processes,” and “environmental security, energy security, feminist security studies and other forms of non-traditional and critical security studies.” This wide-ranging approach will enable students to broaden their analytical appreciation of contemporary international conflicts beyond their immediate significance and implications and will provide a much-needed theoretical grounding and linguistic precision to contextualize and tease out the deeply embedded dynamics of war and peace in contemporary world politics.

## **Required Texts:**

1) Strategy in the Contemporary World; **4th Edition** (2013) John Baylis (Author), James J. Wirtz (Author), Colin S. Gray (Author); Oxford University Press;

- ISBN-10: 0199694788
- ISBN-13: 978-0199694785

2) Security Studies: An Introduction; **2nd Edition (2012)**; Paul D. Williams (Editor); Routledge;

- ISBN-10: 0415782813
- ISBN-13: 978-0415782814

3) The Spread of Nuclear Weapons: An Enduring Debate; **Third Edition (2012)**; Scott Douglas Sagan, Kenneth N. Waltz . W. W. Norton & Company; Third Edition

- ISBN-10: 0393920100
- ISBN-13: 978-0393920109

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE: MAKE SURE YOU GET THE CORRECT EDITION OF THE BOOKS. \***

## **Grading Details:**

Your final grade will be computed as follows:

### **I. Research Paper:**

You are required to write a 2000 word research paper on a significant theoretical or empirical security/nuclear strategy issue. You can pick and choose topics of your interest from among those touched upon in the course material or come up with your own issue of interest within the realm of security/strategic studies. You should clear your topic with me in person beforehand. This assignment will constitute 40% of your final grade. **You will need to clear your topic with me by Thursday, February 26th and submit the final draft of your paper by Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> electronically on Moodle.** I will provide additional guidelines on this later in class. No late submission will be accepted.

### **II. Exam:**

There will be three exams each comprising 30%, 15%, and 15% of your final grade respectively for a total of 60%. These will be multiple-choice exams (60 questions on exam 1, 30 questions

on Exams 2 & 3) with each question worth half a percent (0.50 %) of your final grade (60% in total). The exams will include topics and issues discussed in lectures as well as the assigned reading materials. The overall purpose of these exams is to test your analytical understanding of and conceptual familiarity with the material covered over the course of the semester at the generic level. Here are the dates for the exams:

**The first exam will be on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**The second exam will be on Wednesday, March 1<sup>8th</sup>.**

**The third exam will be on Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup>.**

### **III. Extra Credit**

I will consider a maximum of 10% extra credit to those who systematically attend class, proactively participate in class discussions, and stimulate intellectual conversation on the subject/issue at hand. Extra credit points will be assigned at the discretion of the professor at the end of the semester.

### **Grading Summary:**

Final grades will be computed based upon performance on the following items:

Research paper:	40%
3 Exams:	60%
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Total:	100%
Extra Credit	10%

### **Grading Scales:**

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A= 90-100%

B= 80-89 %

C= 70-79%

D= 60-69%

F= Below 60%

## Course Layout

### Section 1) January 14

**Theme:** Orientation; What is Security; What is Strategy?

**Readings:** Williams; Chapter 1;  
Baylis, Wirtz, Gray; Introduction

**Supplements:**

Barry Buzan talks security: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwNfiWnMHu4>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=famR94qOCM>

What is Grand Strategy? <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mTNH2Pe9IQ>

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### Section 2) January 21

**Theme:** Realisms;

**Readings:** Williams; Chapter 2  
Baylis, Wirtz, Gray; Chapter 1

**Supplements:**

Theory in Action: Realism: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnKEFSVAiNQ>

An Interview with Kenneth Waltz: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9T-Bh254RJI>

Richard Betts, "Realism": <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCE7EB1Nvq4>

Henry Kissinger on Foreign Policy and the Art of Diplomacy: Overview of History (1994):  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98RxLXATfGk>

2013 Strategy Conference Keynote- John Mearsheimer, University of Chicago:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3M3RrxJSfU>

Why China Cannot Rise Peacefully: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXov7MkgPB4>

Conversations with History: Stephen M. Walt:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSfeaI61RSY>

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### **Section 3) January 28**

**Theme:** Liberalisms; Game Theory

**Readings:** Williams; Chapter 3, 4

**Supplements:**

**Theory in Action: Liberalism:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZbDMUaqwE8>

**Conversations with History - Joseph S. Nye, Jr.:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMqvDEQBCAs>

**The Life & Thought of Friedrich Hayek:**  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gU8rOnKN\\_uo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gU8rOnKN_uo)

**Is There a Democratic Deficit in World Politics?:**  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igL\\_Ke0noVc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igL_Ke0noVc)

**Conversations with History: Robert O. Keohane:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5foxGFXNI-s>

**Thought Leader Michael Doyle on the Kantian Approach to International Affairs:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8tgDKq5HS4>

**Nash Equilibrium:** [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2d\\_dtTZQyUM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2d_dtTZQyUM)

**Prisoners' Dilemma and Nash Equilibrium:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkXI-zPcDIM>

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#### Section 4) February 4

**Theme:** Constructivisms; Peace Studies; Culture

**Readings:** Williams; Chapters 5 & 6, 12  
Baylis, Wirtz, Gray; Chapter 4

**Supplements:**

**Breaking the Cycle of Violent Conflict with Johan Galtung:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16YiLqftppo>

**Theory in Action: Constructivism:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYU9UfkV XI>

**John R. Searle (Conversations with History):**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dvn6SIWCQpo>

**Bringing Back Strategic Culture and Grand Strategy - ISN Podcasts 16 Apr. 2012:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQQV088BwDg>

**China's strategic culture- Can the past inform the future? Thomas Mahnken:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NrHf7dWO22s>

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#### Section 5) February 11

**Theme:** Critical Theory; Feminisms; IPS

**Readings:** Williams; Chapters 7, 8 & 9

**Supplements:**

**"Women and Militarization: Before, During, and After Wars" with Cynthia Enloe:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IfCktWyARVo>

**Judith Butler: Your Behavior Creates Your Gender:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bo7o2LYATDc>

**A Three-Question Interview with Ken Booth:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vkV NR9-5bo>

**TEDxPSU - Bruce Schneier - Reconceptualizing Security:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGd M CpeDI>

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**Section 6) February 18**

**Theme:** Uncertainty; Polarity

**Readings:** Williams; Chapter 10, 11

**Supplements:**

**The Melian Dialogue:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNzHOqjMHwY>

**A World Without Superpowers: de-centered globalism:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jVXh6b0ofM>

**\*\*\*Review & Exam #1**

**Wednesday, February 25th \*\*\***

**Readings for Exam #1: Readings and Class Lectures for sections 1-6**

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**Section 7) March 4**

**Theme:** War

**Readings:** Williams, Chapter 13

Baylis, Wirtz, Gray; Chapters 1, 2, 7

**Supplements:**

**Reflections on War and Death by Sigmund Freud:**

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxEBmf\\_vlOA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxEBmf_vlOA)

**The Art of War Sun Tsu Full Documentary. (Educational):**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erZ2YidTZp4>

**The Philosophy of War - Part 2 - Clausewitz On Total War:**  
**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ni-KDQORaQ>**

**Antiwar Radio 01/10/2007: Scott Horton Interviews William Lind:**  
**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hjQOMlpH9A>**

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**Section 8) March 11**

**Theme: Coercion; Terrorism, Counterterrorism, Counterinsurgency**

**Readings: Williams, Chapter 14, 15, 30, 31**

**Baylis, Wirtz, Gray; Chapter 9**

**Supplements:**

**The Iraq War Full BBC Documentary]: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YogEkT7Xwc>**

**US Strategic Nuclear Policy -- Part 2: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYnflseL8wo>**

**Center for Asymmetric Warfare Georgetown 2006 Pt 1/12:**  
**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBEfPZsOllQ>**

**Watch Parts 1-12 at <http://www.youtube.com/user/cawcontacts?feature=watch>**

**2013 Meet the Author - Dr. David Kilcullen - Full Version:**  
**[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ax\\_K9Wjh8aE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ax_K9Wjh8aE)**

**Iraqi Insurgency Documentary and Counterinsurgency:**  
**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNLHM-Rn5EI>**

**The Iraq War Regime Change BBC full documentary 2013 Historical ,political and factual:**  
**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzuP-x5RPMw>**

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**Readings for Exam #2: Readings and Class Lectures for sections 7 & 8**

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**Section 9) March 25**

**Theme: Intelligence; Alliances & Regional Institutions**

**Readings: Williams, Chapter 16, 23, 24**

**Baylis, Wirtz, Gray; Chapter 8**

**Supplements:**

**DIGITAL AGE - How To Adapt Intelligence For The Digital Age? - J. Bamford, R. Jervis.  
Jan 29, 2003: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85SCbgNh-rw>**

**Manhunt: The Search for Bin Laden 2013 HD (HBO Full Documentary):  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w06I6\\_aTuHc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w06I6_aTuHc)**

**World War I: Web Of Alliances 1/4: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBrD\\_u20UF0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBrD_u20UF0)**

**World War I: Web Of Alliances 2/4: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22AA8uRzn7A>**

**World War I: Web Of Alliances 3/4: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4it2HNM5x0>**

**World War I: Web Of Alliances 4/4: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VeWbOJARGUs>**

**Robert Gates on the Future of NATO: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nehFwpm2R9A>**

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**Section 10) April 1**

**Theme: WMD**

**Readings: Williams, Chapters 27, 29**

**Baylis, Wirtz, Gray; Chapters 10, 11**

**Supplements:**

**Weapons Races Nuclear Bomb 4 of 8:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5grPKKDuYDU>

**Weapons Races Strategic Bomber 5 of 8**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16DWsmDNSr0>

**Weapons Races Strategic Ballistic Missile 6 of 8:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8gbsiguGwM>

**Weapons Races Nuclear Submarine 7 of 8**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tS3SN7r3Mk>

**Nuclear Confrontation | Iran & The West [Part 3/3]:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cf3fcoXx0pI>

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**Section 11) April 15**

**Theme:** Spread of Nukes

**Readings:** Sagan & Waltz; Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4

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**Section 12) April 22**

**Theme:** Case Studies and the Spread of Nukes

**Readings:** Sagan & Waltz; Chapter 5, 6, 7

**Supplements:**

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**\*\*\*Review &Exam #3**

**Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> \*\*\***

**Readings for Exam: Sections 9-12 Readings**

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