



# INTERNATIONAL SECURITY - IRE107

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## **Introduction**

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## COURSE OUTCOMES

- understand the basic concepts and major debates of security in the international arena
- comprehend the complex interdependence patterns of security issues in the 21st century
- grasp the international security context of singular events
- competently analyze the national and international responses to dominant security challenges

## TACKLED QUESTIONS

- Why has security changed so much lately? Has it really?
- What triggers conflict in an already unstable country?
- Has war really changed? Or are we talking about the same phenomena in a different mix?
- How effective are nuclear counter-proliferation policies?
- What is the difference between state-sponsored and dissent terrorism?
- Have cyber-security issues already impacted upon international relations?
- How do international organized crime networks form?

# COURSE STRUCTURE

Sep 18	1. Introduction to the course plan and substance	dr. Chovančík	
Sep 25	2. Security terms and theories	dr. Chovančík	
Oct 2	3. Causes of armed conflicts	dr. Chovančík	
Oct 9	4. War. War never changes?	dr. Chovančík	
Oct 16	5. Conflict resolution approaches	dr. Chovančík	
Oct 23	6. Human security	dr. Chovančík	
Oct 30	7. Nuclear arms race in the first nuclear age	dr. Suchý	<b>Mid-term I.</b>
Nov 6	8. Nuclear arms proliferation and control	dr. Suchý	
Nov 13	9. Terrorism	dr. Hadar	
Nov 20	10. Counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency	dr. Hadar	Send topic draft latest
Nov 27	11. Cyber-security in IR	dr. Hadar	
Dec 4	12. Transnational crime	dr. Hadar	<b>Mid-term II.</b> Topic sign-up deadline
Dec 11	13. Security cooperation	dr. Hadar	

## STUDENT REQUIREMENTS (SR)

- All requirements are mandatory for successful completion
- Midterm I. + Midterm II.
- Essay
- Exam
- Read required literature

## SR - MIDTERMS AND EXAM

- Midterms are multiple-choice - take approx. 20minutes (**Oct. 30, Dec. 4**)
- Midterms have a no-resit policy
  - Exceptions apply when absence at test is excusable
- Midterms cover previous lectures, presentations, and especially literature
- Exam is open question
  - Broader concept questions
  - Dispersed across studied topics
  - Resit policy as regular exam

## SR - ESSAY

- Topic chosen from broader list provided by lecturers
- To be specified in communication with corresponding lecturer
- 5000 words (14pages)
- Topic locked-in **December 4th**
  
- Submission deadline **January 15th, 2019**
  - need not be submitted prior to attending exam
- Essay structure, content, and weights of individual aspects provided in syllabus
- *focus on the issue; make comparisons; support by data/theoretical literature; provide an informed opinion in the conclusion*

# GRADING

- Midterm I. - 15p
- Midterm II. - 15p
- Essay - 30p
- Exam - 40p
- Total 100
- 100-95 points = A
- 94-88 points = B
- 87-77 points = C
- 76-68 points = D
- 67-60 points = E
- <60 points = F = failed



## FAQ

- Will the lectures be uploaded? **YES**
- Is lecture attendance mandatory? **NO**
- Who do I talk to about:
  - General course issues – **dr. Chovančík**
  - Topics for essays – **corresponding lecturer**
  - Resits and absences - **dr. Chovančík**
- Can I get a good grade if I don't read the literature? **NO**
  - Can I at least pass? **Not likely**