SYLLABUS:

NATIONAL SECURITY AND U.S. FOREIGN POLICY (INS 543)

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OBJECTIVES

This course first examines alternative conceptualizations of “security” and reviews the major theoretical approaches to the study of security issues available in the academic literature on security studies. It then proceeds to analyze the principal “challenges” or “threats” to U.S. national security that have emerged in the Post-Cold War era and their implications for the conduct of American foreign policy in the contemporary international environment.

Among the key issues discussed in the course are: 1) international terrorism and failed, collapsed, or “rogue” states; 2) regional and intra-state conflicts; 3) the proliferation of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons (weapons of mass destruction); 4) ethnic, religious, and nationalist conflicts and civil wars; 5) human trafficking, arms trafficking, drug trafficking and transnational organized crime; 6) terrorist, guerrilla or insurgent violence and asymmetrical warfare; 7) environmental degradation and climate change; 8) internal and international migrations; 9) the role of intelligence; and 10) the potential security risks associated with economic interdependence and (de)globalization. Particular attention is directed at the analysis of the post-9/11 security issues that the United States confronted during the G. W. Bush Administration, the 2009 transition to the Barack H. Obama Administration, and an assessment of President Obama’s security strategy during his first 18 months in office.

REQUIREMENTS

The course will be taught as a seminar. All students will be expected to do the required readings before each class. The average reading assignment for each class session will be approximately 150 pages. Every student will be required to serve as a rapporteur for one class session during the course.
One (or more) students (depending on the size of the class) will be assigned responsibility for reviewing the readings orally during each session prior to the general discussion. A written review essay or rapporteur report (five-eight typed, double-spaced pages in length) covering all the required readings for one class session will be due twenty four (24) hours prior to the presentation of the oral rapporteur report and should be sent to the entire class by email.

Rapporteurs for each session should discuss their presentations with Professor Bagley after class the week prior to their session. Presentations should be critical and comparative. A bare-bones outline of the argument developed by the author(s) should be presented briefly (15-20 minutes) and then critiqued (10-15 minutes). Each presentation should identify the definition of security employed by the author(s) and the theoretical approach and major substantive conclusions of the works reviewed. Following the oral presentation and class discussion, each rapporteur will have one week to re-write and submit a final version of their rapporteur report for grading.

All class members will be required to write research papers (15-20 double spaced pages in length plus endnotes for undergraduates and 20-25 pages in length for graduate students) on a topic/country/issue of their choice. You need not restrict yourself to the countries/policies examined in class. Each student must submit a one-page description of their research project plus an initial bibliography to the course professors by the fifth meeting of the course (July 14).

Final grades in the course will be weighted as follows: 1) 20%- oral rapporteur report; 2) 30%- written rapporteur report; 3) 50%- final paper. (Note: Final papers are due by 5 PM August 6, 2010. You may, however, take until August 22, 2007, to complete a paper for this course. Anyone choosing to write a final paper must obtain approval from the professor prior to the fifth class session).

The books that will be used in the course include all or parts of the following:


CLASS SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

1.) 06/30/11. ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION: AN INTRODUCTION TO SECURITY DEBATES IN THE POST-COLD WAR ERA

2.) 07/05/11. RETHINKING U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

REQUIRED READINGS


SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS


3.) 07/078/11. REALISM, LIBERALISM AND CONSTRUCTIVISM: THE CHANGING FACES OF SECURITY AND CONFLICT IN WORLD POLITICS

REQUIRED READINGS


SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS


4.) 07/12/11. CONSTRUCTIVISM, CRITICAL THEORY AND SECURITY

REQUIRED READINGS


SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS


REQUIRED READINGS


SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS


6.) 07/19/11. NEW CHALLENGES TO U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY: Rogue States, Regional Conflicts and Arms Proliferation

Note: Paper statements, including an initial bibliography, are due on 07/13/10.

REQUIRED READINGS


SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS


7.) 07/21/11. NEW CHALLENGES TO U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY: Terrorism and Organized Crime

REQUIRED READINGS


SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS


8.) 07/26/11. NEW CHALLENGES TO U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY: Migration, Nationalism, Ethnic/Religious Conflicts and Environmental Issues

REQUIRED READINGS


SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS


David Held, et al, Op Cit., pp. 376-413


9.) 07/28/11. NEW CHALLENGES TO U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY: The Bush Administration

REQUIRED READINGS


SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS


10. 08/02/11. FORCE AND SECURITY IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM: The Bush Doctrine of Preemption and the Use of Force in International Relations

REQUIRED READING


SUPPLEMENTARY READING


11. 08/03/11 US. NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY DURING THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION: THE END OF THE BUSH REVOLUTION AND BEYOND

REQUIRED READINGS


SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS


Summer II 2010 CALENDAR

07/14/11 Final essay outlines and bibliographies are due in class or by email
08/03/11 Classes end
08/05/11 Final essays due by 5 PM
08/08/11 Final Grades Released by noon
08/10/11 Final Grades available to students in myUM