

STRATEGY AND GEOPOLITICS

COURSE CONTENT:

1. The Causes of War and the Conditions of Peace
 - The Study of War
 - Human Nature Explanations of Wars
 - Wars “Within” and “Beyond “ States
2. The Evolution of Modern Warfare
 - The Napoleonic Legacy
 - The Industrialization of War
 - Naval Warfare
 - Total War
 - Nuclear Weapons and Revolutionary Warfare
 - Postmodern War
3. Strategic Theory
 - The Logic of Strategy
 - Clausewitz’s on War
 - Sun Tzu, Mao, and the Jihadists
 - The Enduring Relevance of Strategy
4. Strategic Culture
 - Thinking about Culture and Strategy
 - Sources of Strategic Culture
 - Constructivism and Strategic Culture
 - Continuing Issues
 - Delineating Non-State, State and Multi-State Strategic Cultures
 - Strategic and Weapons of Mass Destruction
5. Law, Politics and The Use of Force
 - The Efficacy of International Law
 - Why States Obey the Law
 - International Law and the Use of Force
 - Jus ad Bellum
 - Jus in Bello
6. Geography and Strategy
 - The Lay of the Land
 - Land Warfare
 - Maritime Strategy
 - Airpower
 - Space War
 - Cyberspace
7. Technology and Warfare
 - Military Technology
 - Revolution in Military Affairs Debate
 - Challenges of the New Technology and the Future
8. Intelligence and Strategy
 - What is Intelligence?
 - The Post 9-11 World of Intelligence

AIMS AND OBJETIVES

Knowledge

By the end of this course, students will be able to

- Show familiarity with fundamental frameworks of the theoretical perspectives in order to understand contemporary thinking about strategy and geopolitics
- Develop practical understanding of security issues in general and respective key analytical concepts;
- Enhance and stimulate knowledge of main contemporary challenges to security and strategy in world politics;

Skills

By the end of this course, students will be able to

- Further develop their ability of thinking independently and politically;
- Reflectively analyze political issues of contemporary world with regards to national and international security; and
- Build upon and complement their extant knowledge of International Relations.

Attitudes

By the end of this course, students will be able to

- Further develop requisite theoretical and analytical frameworks, which will allow them to better understand, critically evaluate and interpret developments in contemporary world politics;
- Appraise the complexity and interconnectedness of concepts, theories, and analytical methods of IR in general and strategic studies in particular; and
- Evaluate the acquired knowledge and skills when observing daily developments in world politics.