



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of Political Science

4SK403 Internationell säkerhet, 7,5 högskolepoäng
International Security, 7.5 credits

Main field of study
Political Science

Subject
Political Science

Level
Second cycle

Progression
A1N

Date of Ratification
Approved 2018-08-22.
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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2026.

Prerequisites
General entry requirements for second-cycle studies in Social Sciences, Humanities, Economics, or the equivalent. English 6, or the equivalent.

Objectives

After completing the course, students shall be able to:

- account for the theories of international security
- identify and problematize politically topical security issues
- define and formulate an independent research problem on the theme international security
- independently and in a creative manner, conduct an analysis assignment within the field of international security

- orally as well as in writing, account for arguments and conclusions in discussions with teachers and other students.

Content

The course addresses political discussions on international security and theoretical approaches applied to analyse the international security situation. Problematizing discussions are held on what international security entails for states and citizens all over the world, with special emphasis on securitization. On the basis of the overall course theme, one or a few topical security issues are discussed in detail.

Type of Instruction

Teaching consists of lectures and seminars.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades A, B, C, D, E or F.

Grade A represents the highest grade, and the subsequent grades follow in descending order, where grade E is the lowest grade that qualifies as a Pass. A grade of F means that the student's performance is assessed as Fail. Fx is not a grade and is only used when a student is permitted to supplement his/her examination.

Examination consists of three seminars including written assignments, graded as Pass (G) or Fail (U), and a more extensive written assignment, assessed by the use of the grading scale A-F.

To be awarded a grade of Pass (E), it is required that all the intended learning outcomes and all the examination components are assessed as pass. The final grade in the course (A-E) is determined by the grade for the more extensive written assignment. Information about the grading criteria of the A-F scale is given in a separate document provided at the start of the course, at the latest.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis of the evaluation are presented to the students who have completed the course, as well as to new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Hough, Peter, Malik, Shahin, Moran, Andrew & Pilbeam, Bruce. (Latest edition). *International Security Studies: Theory and Practice*. New York: Routledge, 473 p.

Janzekovic, John & Silander, Daniel. (Latest edition). *Responsibility to Protect and Prevent – Principles, Promises and Practicalities*. London: Anthem Press, 185 p.

Scientific articles also included, approx. 500 pages.