

IR6635: National Security Policy

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Meeting Times and Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1800-2100

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Course Description

An examination of the structures, motivations, and major objectives of national security policymaking from a comparative perspective with particular emphasis on the politics of national defense in the United States.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students should have a thorough understanding of the national security decision-making process, including identification of security interests, evaluation of policy options, and assessment of organizational and procedural effects on policy choices and outcomes. The student should be able to discuss the primary challenges of the post-Cold War security environment, including nuclear, biological and chemical weapons proliferation, terrorism, counterinsurgency, and information warfare.

Required Texts

- Jordan, Amos A., William J. Taylor, Jr., Michael J. Meese, and Suzanne C. Nielsen. *American National Security*, 6th ed. (Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009). ISBN: 9780801891540
- Allison, Graham and Philip Zelikow. *Essence of Decision: Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis*, 2nd edition (New York, NY: Longman, 1999). ISBN: 9780321013491

Additional assigned readings will be available through TROY library databases or the Internet.

Nature of Graduate Work

“Graduate level work differs appreciably from that of undergraduate programs. Graduate students will find that their programs are geared toward meeting certain criteria. The first of these criteria is that the graduate student should understand the ramifications of research as well as the manner in which it is conducted. Research, the context of graduate study, is conducted in a systematic, thorough, critical, interpretative, and analytical manner—free of preconceived notions and receptive to new ideas; such research attempts to collate and synthesize new patterns of meaning, discover new truths, and correct past errors. The second component of the graduate program requires that graduate students master their field of study. Such mastery would entail a thorough grasp of the subject matter, literature in the field, theory, and methodology related to the student's field of interest. Finally, every graduate program must give students the opportunity to demonstrate research skills, knowledge of the field, and opportunity to contribute to the field of study. Thus, a person who wishes to do graduate level work must be prepared to pass examinations, both written and oral, to write coherent papers that reflect the results of research as defined above, and to participate in course projects” (2015-16 Troy University Graduate Catalog, p. 4).

Course Requirements

Students are expected to keep up with the readings and to participate in class discussion. Students should obtain a TROY e-mail account and check it regularly as this will be the means of providing notice of assignment changes, class cancellations, or other matters outside of class.

A. Exams

There will be a Midterm exam (20%) and a Final Exam (30%) in this course. Both exams will be in-class exams and will include material covered in the readings and material discussed in class. The exams will consist of short answer and essay questions. Students should be prepared to discuss theory, cite relevant thinkers/authors/analysts, and offer independent analysis of security questions.

B. Review Essay

One critical review essay is assigned, constituting 20% of the term grade. The review essay is limited to no more than ten pages. The review essay should first evaluate the competing generic models in *Essence of Decision*. Next, the essay should apply each of the models separately to attempt to explain U.S. policy with respect to the conflict in Syria from 2011 to present. Last, the essay should choose which of the models provides the most compelling explanation and why. The final essay is due **in class, Tuesday, June 21, 2016**.

C. Analytical Paper

There will be a single paper that will account for 30% of the course grade. Each student will take a different region/country of the globe and analyze the current security issues therein, offering prescriptions for U.S. policy to deal with these issues. Detailed paper instructions are appended at the end of the syllabus. Students will make presentations of their papers in class on **July 7**. Final copies of the papers will be due **in class, Tuesday, July 19**. Late papers will result in lowering the paper grade by ten points for each day late.

D. Attendance

Regular attendance is imperative for understanding the subject as well as for maximizing your chances to succeed on the exams. Per PACOM and Troy University instructions, the site coordinator must be notified of students who miss more than 25% of classes. Attendance will be taken in compliance with this policy.

Grading Policy

90 - 100	A	70 - 79	C	0 - 59	F
80 - 89	B	60 - 69	D		

Incomplete grades: If a student is unable to complete all course grading requirements, the student may be eligible to request the assignment of an incomplete grade. An Incomplete grade is not automatically assigned by the instructor, but must be requested by the student and approved by the instructor. The decision to approve or reject a student's request for an incomplete grade is at the discretion of the instructor using the following criteria: Student submits a completed "Incomplete Grade Request" form prior to assignment of a course grade. Student's progress in the course is deemed satisfactory. Student is passing the course when the request is made. The circumstances that prevented the student's completion of course requirements are beyond the student's control and adequate documentation is provided. A student may request an incomplete by completing and submitting to the instructor an "Incomplete Grade Request" form. This form can be found at trojan.troy.edu/graduateschool/forms.html.

Americans with Disabilities Act

Troy University, under the guidelines of ADA and the Rehabilitation Act, makes reasonable accommodations for documented physical and mental limitations of otherwise-qualified individuals with disabilities. To provide the best possible services to students, employees, and visitors, Troy University has designated Disability Services Coordinators and Human Resources representatives on each campus as responsible parties for coordinating accommodations for persons with disabilities. For more information about physical access to building or grounds, academic or workplace accommodations, or other ADA related services, individuals should contact a Disability Services Coordinator or Human Resources representative on their campus of attendance. Specific information regarding the ADA, including contact information for responsible parties, can be found at the following link:

<http://trojan.troy.edu/employees/humanresources/documents/ADAPolicy2003.htm>

Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices

Use of any electronic device (cell phone, tablet, laptop, etc.) by students in the instructional environment is prohibited unless explicitly approved on a case-by-case basis by the instructor of record or by the Office of Disability Services in collaboration with the instructor. Cell phones and other communication devices may be used for emergencies, however, but sending or receiving non-emergency messages during a class meeting is forbidden by the University. Use of a communication device to violate the Troy University “Standards of Conduct” will result in appropriate disciplinary action (See pp. 42-52 of the Oracle.) In order to receive emergency messages from the University or family members, devices must be in a vibration, or other unobtrusive mode. Students receiving calls that they believe to be emergency calls must answer quietly without disturbing the teaching environment. If the call is an emergency, they must move unobtrusively and quietly from the instructional area and notify the instructor as soon as reasonably possible. Students who are expecting an emergency call should inform the instructor before the start of the instructional period. The instructor in this class has opted to permit use of tablets and/or laptops in class.

Academic Honesty

By their enrollment, students are responsible for following the “Standards of Conduct” as they apply in the Troy University Pacific Region. It is the student’s responsibility to be familiar with these guidelines and to comply therewith.

Plagiarism is the use of another person’s words or ideas without proper attribution; whether intentional or not, representing another person’s words or ideas as one’s own constitutes plagiarism. Plagiarism is an ethical offense violating Troy’s Standards of Conduct and Troy’s Academic Code. All MSIR students are expected to understand the concept of plagiarism as well as the rules of proper citation. If a student has any doubt about proper attribution, it is the responsibility of the student to seek clarification from the instructor. Students deemed by the instructor to have engaged in intentional plagiarism in this course shall receive an automatic F in the class and are subject to additional discipline up to and including expulsion from the program. Students deemed by the instructor to have engaged in unintentional plagiarism are subject to disciplinary action to be determined by the instructor in accordance with the severity of the offense. The instructor uses on-line software to help detect plagiarism. Please note that no assignment prepared for or submitted in a different course may be used in this course without prior approval of the instructor.

Library Resources

Students can access online information resources through Troy Library Services home page at <http://trojan.troy.edu/library> These resources include a variety of full text databases that provide complete article texts from thousands of journals, magazines and newspapers. Among the most helpful databases are JSTOR, Academic Search Complete, and Lexis-Nexis. Remote access is available via the student's Troy User ID and Password. Specific help for Global Campus students, including a dedicated librarian, is available at:

http://trojan.troy.edu/library/globalcampus/gc_librarian.html

Course Schedule

Week 1: Introduction to National Security; Evolution of U.S. National Security Policy

Tuesday, May 24

- Jordan, Ch. 1-2
- James F. Miskel, "National Interests: Grand Purposes or Catchphrases?" *Naval War College Review* (Autumn 2002) Available in Academic Search Complete.

Thursday, May 26

- Jordan, Ch. 3
- Jeffrey Goldberg, "The Obama Doctrine," *The Atlantic* (April 2016)
<http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2016/04/the-obama-doctrine/471525/>

Week 2: The National Security Establishment (Civilian)

Tuesday, May 31

- Jordan, Ch. 4, 6, 10
- Federalist #24 & #28. Available at http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/fed.asp

Thursday, June 2

- Jordan, Ch. 5
- War Powers Act (PL93-148 (1973)) Available at http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/warpower.asp
- Louis Fisher, "The Law: The Baker Christopher War Powers Commission," *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 39, no. 1 (March 2009): 128-140. Available in JSTOR.

Week 3: The National Security Establishment (Military)

Tuesday, June 7

- Jordan, Ch. 8
- Mackubin Thomas Owens, "What Military Officers Need to Know about Civil Military Relations," *Naval War College Review* 65, no. 2 (Spring 2012): 67-87. Available in Academic Search Complete.
- Mark Vandroff, "Essay: An Open Letter to the Next Secretary of the Navy," USNI News (March 16, 2016). http://news.usni.org/2016/03/16/essay-an-open-letter-to-the-next-secretary-of-the-navy?utm_source=USNI+News&utm_campaign=1299ac011b-

- U.S. National Military Strategy 2015
http://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Publications/2015_National_Military_Strategy.pdf
- Japan's National Security Strategy 2015 (Defense of Japan 2015: Part II, Ch. 2, Secs. 1-3)
http://www.mod.go.jp/e/publ/w_paper/2015.html
- British National Security Strategy 2015
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/478933/52309_Cm_9161_NSS_SD_Review_web_only.pdf

Thursday, July 7

- **STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

Week 8: Regional Review & Future Issues

Tuesday, July 12

- (Regional approaches covered in lecture/discussion/presentations: Ch. 18-24 recommended, but not required)
- Reading TBA, based on what is not covered in student presentations

Thursday, July 14

- Jordan, Ch. 25-26
- Barry Posen, "Pull Back," *Foreign Affairs* 92, no. 1 (Jan/Feb 2013): 116-128. Available in Academic Search Complete
- Stephen Brooks, G. John Ikenberry, and William Wohlforth, "Lean Forward," *Foreign Affairs* 92, no. 1 (Jan/Feb 2013): 130-142. Available in Academic Search Complete

Week 9: Final Exam

Tuesday, July 19

- **FINAL ANALYTICAL PAPER DUE IN CLASS**
- Review

Thursday, July 21

- **FINAL EXAM**

Note: The above schedule, readings and procedures in this course are subject to change.

ANALYTICAL PAPER INSTRUCTIONS

General: Per the syllabus, students are required to research and write an analytical paper that will comprise 30% of the final course grade. Each student will take a different region of the globe and analyze the current security issues therein, offering prescriptions for U.S. policy to deal with these issues. Students may choose their own region; however, students must obtain written approval from the instructor. An e-mail from the instructor noting approval is sufficient; however, students should print out a copy of such so as to be able to verify approval. This e-mail should be appended to the final paper. Each student will select a different region. Topics should be selected as early as possible in order to 1) ensure you get the topic you want, and 2) enable sufficient time for research.

The paper should first introduce the region chosen, explaining the basic features thereof. It should next objectively analyze the various security issues within the region, citing to appropriate authorities as necessary. Finally, the student should prescribe a policy recommendation, advancing logical and well-reasoned analysis in favor of a particular policy.

Students should take care that the paper synthesizes the existing security studies literature regarding the region. This means each paper will include a literature review following the introduction. Conducting a thorough literature review will take time and will necessitate reviewing relevant sources available in the Troy University Library's electronic databases. Brief how-to articles on literature reviews can be found at <<http://library.ucsc.edu/help/howto/write-a-literature-review>> or at numerous other sites you can find through a simple Google search. Literature reviews which rely solely on material culled from websites will generally be insufficient.

Students will make presentations of their papers in class on **Thursday, July 7**. Final copies of the papers will be due in class **on Tuesday, July 19, 2016**. Late papers will result in lowering the paper grade by ten points for each day late.

For the presentation, be sure to avoid merely reading your paper; rather, *present* your paper. You may use any graphic aids, video, PowerPoint, etc. as you deem useful in presenting. The length of the presentation will depend in part on the number of students in the class and the amount of time available. The instructor will announce time guidelines in advance of the presentation dates. Oral presentations will count for 1/5th of the overall paper grade.

Format: The paper must be typed, double-spaced, in twelve-point Times New Roman font, with one inch margins. Do not place additional space between paragraphs. Use of headings and subheadings within the paper is highly recommended. Papers are anticipated to be approximately 12-15 pages in length, with a limit of no more than 15 pages, exclusive of title page, bibliography, and notes. Please note that quality is more important than volume. Hand-written papers are not acceptable.

Citation and Sources: You may use the citation system with which you are most familiar; however, if I am not familiar with the system you have chosen, you must provide me with a style manual upon my request. Proper citation requires sufficient information for me to check your

sources with ease. Internet sources may be used at your own risk. Common sense should help tell you which websites are acceptable and which are not for academic work. If in doubt, it is probably best to avoid that site. Of course, you may always ask me for an opinion as to suitability. Citation of internet sources requires more than simply listing the website. Include titles, authors, dates written, and dates accessed. Papers citing Wikipedia will be docked 5 points. Students should consult books, periodicals, newspapers, policy papers, and government documents as well as on-line sources to ensure proper breadth of research. A bibliography must be included with the paper.

Grading: Papers will be graded on demonstrated understanding, thoroughness, and integration of research into a coherent presentation. Poor spelling, grammar, punctuation or style will negatively affect the grade. As noted above, the in-class presentation will account for 1/5th of the total paper grade.

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