

**International Security
Political Science 445
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Scott 201**

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Course Description

This course is a graduate level examination of the study of national security, the causes of war, and, most broadly, the threat and use of force by states and non-state actors to achieve their international political and military objectives. It assumes that students have a graduate-level knowledge of International Relations theory.

This course only scratches the surface of the topic: delivering some basic concepts, examples of solid empirical work, and a springboard for future research. *It is not enough to prepare you for comprehensive exams.*

In terms of material, this syllabus should be considered a working draft. We will be very flexible depending on the interests of the class.

Course Requirements

1. Participation: Students should come prepared to speak about all of the week's readings.
2. Short papers: Students will also be required to write 2 short papers reacting critically to all or part of the week's readings. They should be about 2-3 pages (<1000 words) in length. They are due by email to the class by close of business of the Friday before the class in which the readings are discussed.
3. Longer paper: Students can choose to write an in-depth literature review of some aspect of security studies. Alternatively, students can write a research proposal within the field of security studies, considered broadly. 12-15 pages, due March 15 at noon.

Final grades will be based on: participation: (33%), short papers (33%), and final paper (33%).

Readings

All readings are available on the web via the Northwestern network. Book selections can be found on the course's Blackboard page

There are several required books:

Carl von Clausewitz, *On War* (Princeton UP, 1989) ONLY THIS VERION, THE "PARET" EDITION

Michael C. Horowitz, *The Diffusion of Military Power: Causes and Consequences for International Politics* (Princeton, 2010).

Samuel Huntington, *The Soldier and The State* (Belknap, 1981)

Robert Pape, *Bombing to Win, Air Power and Coercion in War* (Cornell UP, 1996)

R. Harrison Wagner, *War and the State: The Theory of International Politics* (Michigan, 2007).

Kenneth Waltz, *Man, the State, and War* (Columbia UP, 2001)

Academic Integrity

Any student who violates the University's principles of academic integrity will automatically fail this course and be referred to the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies' office for further action by the University. There are no exceptions. The Dean's policy for WCAS is available at:

<http://www.wcas.northwestern.edu/advising/academic.html>.

All student work may be analyzed electronically for violations of the university's academic integrity policy and may also be included in a database for the purpose of testing for plagiarized content.

Accessibility

Any student with a verified disability requiring special accommodations should speak to the course instructor and to the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (847/467-5530) as early as possible in the quarter, preferably within the first two weeks of the course. All discussions will remain confidential.

Course Topics and Reading Assignments

Jan. 7: **Intro**

Waltz, all.

Jan. 14: **What is Security Studies?**

Clausewitz, Book I: ch 1-8; Book II: ch 1-4; Book III 1-5, 11, 14, 17; Book VI ch 1-8 ; Book VIII ch 1-9.

Stephen M. Walt, “Rigor or Rigor Mortis? Rational Choice and Security Studies,” *International Security*, 23:4 (Spring 1999), 5–48.

Anne Tickner, “You Just Don’t Understand: Troubled Engagements between Feminists and IR Theorists.” *International Studies Quarterly*, 41 (1997) 611-632.

Jan. 28: **The Security Dilemma**

Robert Jervis, “Cooperation Under the Security Dilemma,” *World Politics*, 30:2 (January 1978), 167-214.

Wagner, all.

Deborah Boucoyannis, “The International Wanderings of a Liberal Idea, or Why Liberals Can Learn to Stop Worrying and Love the Balance of Power,” *Perspectives on Politics* 5:4 (December 2007), 703-727.

Feb. 4: **Coercion, Deterrence, and Compellence**

Pape, all.

Fearon. James. “Rationalist Explanations for War.” *International Organization* (1995) vol. 49 (3) 379-414

Todd Sechser, “Goliath's Curse: Coercive Threats and Asymmetric Power.” *International Organization* 64:4 (Fall 2010), 627-60.

Feb. 11: **Bargaining, Appeasement, and Credibility**

Anne Sartori, "International Reputation with Dynamic Resolve" working paper (on Blackboard).

Daryl G. Press, "The Credibility of Power: Assessing Threats during the "Appeasement Crises of the 1930s," *International Security* 29:3 (Winter 2004/05) 136-169.

James Fearon, "Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes," *American Political Science Review*, 88 (1994), 577-592.

Alexander B. Downes and Todd S. Sechser, "The Illusion of Democratic Credibility," *International Organization* 66:3 (Summer 2012) 457-89.

Feb. 18: **Media, Public Opinion, and Security**

Feaver, Peter D. and Christopher Gelpi. 2004. *Choosing Your Battles: American Civil-Military Relations and the Use of Force*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chapter 4

Baum, Matthew A. and Tim Groeling. 2008. "Reality Asserts Itself: Public Opinion on Iraq and the Elasticity of Reality." *International Organization* (Forthcoming 2010).

Slantchev, Branislav. "Politicians, the Media, and Domestic Audience Costs." *International Studies Quarterly* 50(June): 445-477.

Jessica L. Weeks, "Autocratic Audience Costs: Regime Type and Signaling Resolve," IO 62/1 (Winter 2008): 35-64 (online).

Risse-Kappen, Thomas. 1991. "Public Opinion, Domestic Structure, and Foreign Policy in Liberal Democracies." *World Politics* 43(July): 479-513.

Feb. 25: **Securitization**

David Campbell, *Writing Security: United States Foreign Policy and the Politics of Identity*, selections (on Blackboard)

Barry Buzan, Ole Wæver and Jaap de Wilde, *Security: A New Framework for Analysis*, selections (on Blackboard)

Thierry Balzacq, "The Three Faces of Securitization: Political Agency, Audience and Context," *European Journal of International Relations* (June 2005) 171-201.

Mar. 4: **Civil-Military Relations**

Huntington, Parts I and III.

Peter D. Feaver, "The Civil-Military Problematique: Huntington, Janowitz and the Question of Civilian Control," *Armed Forces and Society* 23:2 (Winter 1996) 149-179.

Elizabeth Kier, *Imagining War: French and British Military Doctrine Between the Wars*, selections (on Blackboard).

Mar.11: **Technology and Military Power**

Horowitz, all