

**2019-20 Academic Year  
Winter Session**



**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**FACULTY OF ARTS**

**Political Science 439.01**

**STRATEGIC STUDIES**

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**Classes:** MWF 11:00 to 11:50 AM

**Lecture Room:** Alternate: Zoom session

**Office Hours:** No office hours; email or Zoom meetings

**Course Prerequisites:** Poli 381 or permission of the instructor

**D2L Website:** <https://d2l.ucalgary.ca>

**Course Description**

An analysis of the causes of war, the meaning of security and defence in the post-Cold War era, including the use and control of military force.

**Course Objective**

The overall course objective is to provide the student the opportunity to develop the skills and abilities necessary to critically assess the field of strategic studies. This will include an examination of the concepts of the field as well the main issue areas within the field. A related objective of the course is to provide students with the opportunity to further develop their critical research and writing skills.

**Method of Assessment**

1. Midterm Exam 1	Friday 7 February	25%
2. Midterm Exam 2	Wednesday 11 March	25%
4. Final exam	As scheduled by the registrar	50%

The assessment of the various assessed components of the course remain as above.

**READINGS**Core Text:

John Baylis, James J. Wirtz, and Colin S. Gray, *Strategy in the Contemporary World: An Introduction to Strategic Studies*, 6th Edition (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019).

Additional Recommended Readings

Alan Collins (ed). *Contemporary Security Studies* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007).

Buzan, Barry, *People, states and fear*.

Kolodziej, Edward A., *Security and international relations*.

Art, Robert J. And Waltz, Kenneth, *The use of force : military power and international politics*, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition.

Waltz, Kenneth, *Man, the State and War*.

Croft, Stuart and Terriff, Terry, *Critical reflections on security and change* (also in *Contemporary Security Policy*, Vol. 20, No 3, 1999).

Journals

The following list provides the names of some (but by no means all) of the principle journals in the field of Strategic Studies. Students should develop the habit of staying current in their debates. Some journals available through the library are: *Canadian Military Journal*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *International Affairs*, *International Journal*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *Journal of Military and Strategic Studies*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*.

**Alternative Method of Instruction**

Due to the University's suspension of in person classes and face-to-face meeting, all lectures will be delivered via Zoom. The instructor will email all students in the class with the information they require in order to log into each particular Zoom session. Due to the suspension of classes on Friday, 13 March and Monday, 16 March, the topic and material have been eliminated and students are not responsible for this material for the final exam. All other subsequent topics indicated on the course outline remain, and will be addressed in the Zoom sessions.

**Alternative Instructor Office Hours**

Due to the University's suspension of in person classes and face-to-face meeting, previously regular instructor office hour is suspended. Students can contact the instructor via email with

any questions they have. If the instructor is not able to answer a student's question, a meeting on Zoom will be arranged. Further, if a student wants to meet the instructor via Zoom, they are to email the instructor with their request.

### **Class Participation**

There is no mark for class participation, but students will be expected to come to class prepared for discussion. This means staying up with the readings and current affairs as it may concern the subject of the course. Students must also be prepared to be called upon to offer their assessment of the issues being discussed.

The clarity of writing style (including grammar and punctuation) as well as the correct formatting of citations are evaluated as part of the grade assessment. Information on the research proposal, on how it is assessed, and on the appropriate citation style is available on D2L.

*Do note that the generation of a research proposal requires conducting research!*

### **Midterm Exam 1**

The midterm exam will consist of long-answer, essay questions. The midterm exam is closed book and no aids will be permitted. The midterm exam will be written on **Friday, 7 February 2020.**

### **Midterm Exam 2**

The midterm exam will consist of long-answer, essay questions. The midterm exam is closed book and no aids will be permitted. The midterm exam will be written on **Wednesday, 11 March, 2020.**

### **Alternative Final Exam**

The course final exam will be a take home exam. This means that the exam will be open book. In compliance with the Provost's instructions, students must complete and submit their take home exam. The Provost has also instructed that all take home exams must be completed and submitted as originally scheduled by the Office of the Registrar. What this means is that the final exam will be made available on D2L on Tuesday, 17 March 2020. The final exam must be submitted to the instructor by no later than 10:30 AM, Tuesday, 21 March 2020. The final exam will be open book. Student answers are to be submitted either via Dropbox on D2L or as an attachment to an email sent to the instructor. If you have any questions about this information, students will be informed as soon as is possible.

### **Writing Statement**

Written assignments are often required in Political Science courses, including this one, and the quality of writing skills, including but not limited to such elements as grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, clarity, citation, and organization, will be taken into account in the determination of grades in the written exams. Students are encouraged to make use of the services offered through Writing Support Services in the Student Success Centre (3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library) or at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support>.

## Grade Scale

The following grading scale will be used:

A+ = 95-100	B+ = 77-79	C+ = 67-69	D+ = 55-59
A = 86-94	B = 73-76	C = 63-66	D = 50-54
A- = 80-85	B- = 70-72	C- = 60-62	F = 0-49

## Class Preparation and Desire2Learn

Lectures focus on the material presented in the textbook and general discussion relating to the topic(s) outlined in the lecture schedule. Students are expected to read the assigned text chapters and readings before class, and be prepared for class discussion. Any important information and additional readings for Strategic Studies (Poli 439.01) will be posted on D2L. Students should regularly check the Announcements section of D2L for ongoing notices.

*Your instructor may not necessarily cover all of the materials in the course outline or in the Required readings, but it is the responsibility of the student to understand the concepts presented in the textbook and lectures. If you are unsure of any of the concepts, please take the initiative to ask the instructor during class. The instructor may also address current events relevant to the course subject matter.*

## Instructor Instructions

Students requiring assistance are encouraged to speak to the instructor during class or their office hours. Should you wish to meet outside of office hours, please email the instructor or teaching assistant to make an appointment. It is to the student's advantage to keep such appointments.

Email is commonly used by students to communicate with their instructor. However, it does limit the effectiveness of the communications and may not be the best way for instructors to answer student questions, especially those requiring an explanation of concepts covered in this course or some personal concerns. Therefore the instructor may request a telephone call or personal meeting. *Your instructor will inform you as to his/her expectations about emails.*

Students are welcome to use laptops and other electronic note-taking devices in this course. Please be considerate of others and switch off all cell phones when you enter the classroom. Sending/receiving texts and browsing the Web is extremely disruptive to others and will not be tolerated.

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

*Week 1* Mon (13 January) Introduction

### **Understanding Security, Conflict and War**

*Week 1* Wed Development of the Field of Study  
*Required Reading:* Baylis et al., pp. 404-418.

Fri Realism/Neorealism and its critics (Post Positivist Approaches/ Feminist Concepts of Security)  
*Required Reading:* Baylis et al., Ch. 1 & 20.

*Week 2* Mon & Wed Realism/Neorealism and its critics (Post Positivist Approaches/ Feminist Concepts of Security) cont.

Fri Non-Traditional Security (Environmental Security/TCOs/Immigration/Societal)  
*Required Reading:* Baylis et al., Ch. 21.

*Week 3* Mon & Wed Non-Traditional Security (Environmental Security/ TCOs/Immigration/Societal) cont.

Fri War and Conflict (Causes of War)  
*Required Reading:* Baylis et al., Ch. 5.

*Week 4* Mon & Wed War and Conflict (Causes of War) cont.

Fri **Midterm Exam 1 - 7 February 2020**

### **The Use of Force: Core Concepts and Issues**

*Week 5* Mon & Wed Carl von Clausewitz and *vom Kriege* (On War)  
*Required Reading:* Baylis et al., Ch. 2 & 4.

Fri Deterrence and Coercion

*Required Reading:* None

**Week 6 Reading Week Sunday, 16 February to Sunday, 23 February, 2020**

*Week 7* Mon & Wed Deterrence and Coercion cont.

Fri The Role of Nuclear Weapons and Proliferation

*Required Reading:* Baylis et al., Ch. 12 & 13.

*Week 8* Mon The Role of Nuclear Weapons and Proliferation

Wed & Fri Arms Control and Disarmament

*Required Reading:* Baylis et al., Ch. 13.

*Week 9* Mon Alliances and Collective Security

Wed **Midterm Exam 2 - 11 March 2020**

### **The Use of Force: Security and War in the 21st Century**

*Week 9* Fri University Official Suspended Class

*Week 10* Mon University Official Suspended Class

Wed & Fri Evolution of Warfare - Interstate War

*Required Reading:* Baylis et al., Ch. 3.

*Week 11* Mon & Wed Laws of War

*Required Reading:* Baylis et al., Ch. 7.

Fri Military Intervention

*Required Reading:* Baylis et al., Ch. 14 and 16

*Week 12* Mon Military Intervention cont.

Wed & Fri Evolution of Warfare - Non-state Actors/New Wars

*Required Reading:* Baylis et al., Ch. 11.

*Week 13* Mon & Wed Evolution of Warfare - Terrorism

*Required Reading:* Baylis et al., Ch. 11.

Fri Good Friday, no classes

*Week 14* Mon Easter Monday, no classes

Wed (15 April) Overview of the course

**Winter Term Classes End, Wednesday 15 April, 2020**

### **IMPORTANT POLICIES AND INFORMATION**

#### **Supporting Documentation and the Use of a Statutory Declaration**

As stated in the University Calendar:

Students may be asked to provide supporting documentation for an exemption/special request. This may include, but is not limited to, a prolonged absence from a course where participation is required, a missed course assessment, a deferred examination, or an appeal. Students are encouraged to submit documentation that will support their situation. Supporting documentation may be dependent on the reason noted in their personal statement/explanation provided to explain their situation. This could be medical certificate/documentation, references, police reports, invitation letter, third party letter of support or a statutory declaration etc. The decision to provide supporting documentation that best suits the situation is at the discretion of the student. Students cannot be required to provide specific supporting documentation, such as a medical note.

Students can make a Statutory Declaration as their supporting documentation (available at [ucalgary.ca/registrar](http://ucalgary.ca/registrar)). This requires students to make a declaration in the presence of a Commissioner for Oaths. It demonstrates the importance of honest and accurate information provided and is a legally binding declaration. Several registered Commissioners for Oaths are available to students at no charge, on campus. For a list of locations to access a Commissioner for Oaths, visit [ucalgary.ca/registrar](http://ucalgary.ca/registrar)).

Falsification of any supporting documentation will be taken very seriously and may result in disciplinary action through the Academic Discipline regulations or the Student Non-Academic Misconduct policy.

This statement is accessible at: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/m-1.html>

*Please note that while the form of supporting documentation provided is at the discretion of the student, the instructor has the discretion not to accept the supporting documentation if it does not corroborate the reason(s) given for the exemption/special request.*

Absence From a Mid-term Examination:

Students who are absent from a scheduled term test or quiz for legitimate reasons are responsible for contacting the instructor via email within 48 hours of the missed test to discuss alternative arrangements. A copy of this email may be requested as proof of the attempt to contact the instructor. Any student who fails to do so forfeits the right to a makeup test.



### Deferral of a Final Examination:

Deferral of a final examination can be granted for reasons of illness, domestic affliction, and unforeseen circumstances, as well as to those with three (3) final exams scheduled within a 24-hour period. Deferred final exams will not be granted to those who sit the exam, who have made travel arrangements that conflict with their exam, or who have misread the examination timetable. The decision to allow a deferred final exam rests not with the instructor but with Enrolment Services. Instructors should, however, be notified if you will be absent during the examination. The Application for Deferred Final Exam, deadlines, requirements and submission instructions can be found on the Enrolment Services website at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred-exams>.

### Appeals:

If a student has a concern about the course or a grade they have been assigned, they must first discuss their concerns with the instructor. If this does not resolve the matter, the student then proceed with an academic appeal. The first step in an academic appeal is to set up a meeting with the Department Head. Appeals must be requested within 15 days of receipt of the graded assignment.

### Student Accommodations:

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit [www.ucalgary.ca/access/](http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/).

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

### University Regulations:

Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the University policies found in the Academic Regulations sections of the Calendar at [www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-regs.html](http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-regs.html).

### Plagiarism And Other Forms Of Academic Misconduct:

Academic misconduct in any form (e.g. cheating, plagiarism) is a serious academic offence that can lead to disciplinary probation, suspension or expulsion from the University. Students are expected to be familiar with the standards surrounding academic honesty; these can be found in the University of Calgary calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>. Such offences will be taken seriously and reported immediately, as required by Faculty of Arts policy.

**Copyright Legislation:**

As stated in the University of Calgary Calendar, Academic Regulations, “students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright and requirements of the copyright act to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorised sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.”

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/acceptable-use-of-material-protected-by-copyright.pdf> and <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html>

**Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP):**

FOIP legislation requires that instructors maintain the confidentiality of student information. In practice, this means that student assignment and tests cannot be left for collection in any public place without the consent of the student. It also means that grades cannot be distributed via email. Final exams are kept by instructors but can be viewed by contacting them or the main office in the Department of Political Science. Any uncollected assignments and tests meant to be returned will be destroyed after six months from the end of term; final examinations are destroyed after one year.

**Evacuation Assembly Points:**

In the event of an emergency evacuation from class, students are required to gather in designated assembly points. Please check the list found at [www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints](http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints) and note the assembly point nearest to your classroom.

**Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources:**

For program planning and advice, visit the Arts Students’ Centre in Social Sciences 102, call 403-220-3580 or email [artsads@ucalgary.ca](mailto:artsads@ucalgary.ca). You can also visit [arts.ucalgary.ca/advising](http://arts.ucalgary.ca/advising) for program assistance.

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit their office in Tower Room 116.

**Important Contact Information:**

Campus Security and Safewalk (24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year)  
Phone: 403-220-5333

Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Students’ Union Representatives

Phone: 403-220-6551

Email: [arts1@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts2@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts2@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts3@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts3@su.ucalgary.ca),  
[arts4@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts4@su.ucalgary.ca)

Students’ Union URL: [www.su.ucalgary.ca](http://www.su.ucalgary.ca)

Graduate Students' Association

Phone: 403-220-5997

Email: [askgsa@ucalgary.ca](mailto:askgsa@ucalgary.ca)

URL: [www.ucalgary.ca/gsa](http://www.ucalgary.ca/gsa)

Student Ombudsman

Phone: 403-220-6420

Email: [ombuds@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ombuds@ucalgary.ca)

**Campus Mental Health Resources:**

SU Wellness Centre: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/> 403-210-9355

Campus Mental Health Strategy: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/>