

International Security

Second year module

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The module examines a variety of theoretical and empirical material, providing students with a basis for analysing pressing questions relating to security issues in the world today. The topics explored in the module include: different theoretical approaches to 'security'; 'types' of security; the management of international security; and major security issues, such as WMD proliferation, terrorism, ethnic conflict and state failure.

The aim of this course is to provide students with a comprehensive introduction to the concepts and theoretical approaches central to understanding and analysing international security issues in the contemporary world. By the end of the course students will be able to discuss a range of key concepts, theoretical explanations and historical and contemporary events and trends insofar as they relate to important security issues.

Learning outcomes

At the end of the module the student should be able to:

- Demonstrate a basic knowledge of issues related to national and international security
- Use the relevant theoretical frameworks to analyse issues of war, peace and security in different parts of the world.
- Demonstrate a sufficient understanding of the key concepts in international security, and the ability to communicate that understanding at an appropriate level.

Assessment

- Term One: 1 essay x 2,000 word assessed work (50%)
- Term Three: 2 hour examination (50%)