

Spring 2010 Security Studies Certificate Courses



SECS 6350 Weapons of Mass Destruction Dr. Cook (32659 MWF 1000-1050)

This course examines the arguments surrounding the potential threat posed by Weapons of Mass Destruction in the hands of terrorists or rogue states. Students will learn about biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological weapons. They will be encouraged to challenge the definitions of weapons of mass destruction and the reality of the threat.

EHST 6010 Fundamentals of Environmental Health Dr. Kelley (32789 DE) and Dr. Selim (32790 DE)



Effects of environment on human health. Focuses on rural environment. Consideration given to water supply and wastewater disposal, water quality, solid and hazardous wastes, air quality, occupational health and safety, food protection, and vector control.

JUST 6502 Criminal Justice and Terrorism Dr. Kusha (33555 R 1800-2100)

This course is built around the issues (who) the types of individuals and organizations involved in terrorism; (what) the types of activities conducted; (when) examinations of historical, socio-political, and economic forces that facilitate terrorism.

POLS 6080 American Foreign Relations Dr. Peksen (32715 W 1500-1800)

The purpose of this course is to give students a better understanding of the way the US Government makes and administers its foreign policy. The course will examine the history, institutions, and policy process associated with American foreign policy.

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PADM 6170 Intergovernmental / Interagency Relations Dr. Scavo (32736 DE)



This course involves the vertical interactions between the three levels of government in the US and the horizontal interactions between bureaucratic agencies at each of those three levels. These interactions can be formal and institutional, they can be informal and personal, or they can be programmatic. The course will revolve around several themes, including: how that relationship has evolved over the last 200 years; financial relationships between levels of government; and policy relationships between levels of government and agencies.

POLS 6360 Causes of International War Dr. Olson Lounsbury (32663 DE)



This course will explore the various causes of war, particularly war between nation-states. The motivations of individuals to engage in armed conflict will be examined, as well as nation-state characteristics thought to be associated with interstate war outbreak. Students will also be exposed to the role of the international system in creating an environment ripe for conflict. Finally, students will utilize war literature to analyze current and historical cases of interstate war.

POLS 6425 War & Peace in the Middle East Dr. Roshandel (32752 DE)



This course aims to provide the foundation for an integrated study of international politics/security studies with special focus on issues directly related to the question of war, peace and security in the Middle East and its impact on international security. The course will embrace the most important concepts and issues in the field, treating two major areas of Palestinian-Israeli Conflict and the application of Jihad in parallel.