**INTA 2803:**

Introduction to International Security

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*Goals, Requirements, and Expectations of INTA 2803:*

In many ways, security is central to the study and practice of international relations. The study of international relations as an organized academic discipline arose in the aftermath of the First World War. One of the avowed goals of David Davies, who endowed the first chair in International Relations at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, was for scholars to identify the causes of and means to prevent war. Security undoubtedly plays an equally important role in the everyday practice of international relations. The twentieth century bore witness to two of the most destructive conflicts humankind has ever known. International security concerns have also been a central fixture of the twenty-first century. Leaving aside the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, a quick perusal of the international section in the *New York Times* bears out the importance of international security today.

The central goals of this course are two-fold. The first is to give you a cursory overview of the various theoretical approaches to international security. The second is to explore a variety of international security issues. We will be making use of an excellent textbook in addition to some popular readings and films.[[2]](#footnote-2) Participation is critical for the success of the class and the value you derive from it. Thus, ideally you should complete the assigned reading before the class date to which it is attached**.**

*Objectives for students:*

* Appreciate the role of theory in international security.
* Understand the significance of various issues in international security
* *Student will demonstrate the ability to describe the social, political, and economic forces that influence social behavior.*
* *Student will demonstrate the ability to describe the social, political, and economic forces that influence the global system.*

*Course texs:*

* Collins, Alan (ed). *Contemporary Security Studies*, third edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.

*Course grading:*

Film Quiz (2x5 percent) 10 percent

Multiple choice exams (2x30 percent) 60 percent

Final exam (April 30 2:50pm - 5:40pm) 30 percent

*Miscellaneous*: Students are required to take exams and submit assignments at the scheduled time. Students with excused absences will be able to take a make-up, but are responsible for arranging the time. All work for the semester should be kept until final grades are processed. Grades will be posted to T-Square.

*Policy on letters of recommendation:*

Given the structure of the class and modes of assessment, I am afraid I cannot write letters of recommendation based on your performance in this class.

*Laptops and cell phones in class*:

I am aware that students no longer use chalk on cave walls to take notes, and that laptops are ubiquitous in the modern classroom. That said, studies increasingly show that distractions of laptops in the classroom outweigh their benefits. Thus, outside specific circumstances which will be clearly indicated in class, laptop use is not permitted during class. If I see your cell phone out in any capacity, I will dock your participation grade.

*Cheating and plagiarism:*

Don’t do it. I have a zero tolerance with respect to these activities. Cheating and plagiarism demean the efforts of others who put in blood, sweat, and tears to do well in the class. I will not allow the above-board work of honest students to be undermined by those who seek shortcuts. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, receiving unauthorized assistance on exams and asking another student to respond to clicker questions in your absence. The Georgia Tech Honor Code is available online: <http://www.honor.gatech.edu/plugins/content/index.php?id=9>. If caught cheating, you will be dealt with according to the GT Academic Honor Code.

*Students with Disabilities:*

Georgia Tech is committed to providing reasonable accommodation for all students with disabilities through the ADAPTS program (http://www.adapts.gatech.edu/). Any student in this course who has a disability that may prevent them from fully demonstrating their abilities should contact me as soon as possible to discuss accommodations necessary to ensure full participation and facilitate their educational opportunities. Students with disabilities must be registered with the ADAPTS-Disability Services Program prior to receiving accommodations in this course. The ADAPTS-Disability Services Program is located in Smithgall Student Services Building, phone 404-894-2564 or TDD only 404-894-1664.

*Religious Observance:*

It is the policy of the University to excuse absences of students that result from religious observances and to provide without penalty for the rescheduling of examinations and additional required class work that may fall on religious holidays. Please see me immediately if you will need to miss class at any point during this semester.

*Add/Drop:*

Please consult the GT academic calendar to make sure you observe add/drop deadlines (<http://www.registrar.gatech.edu/home/calendar.php>)

Course Schedule

Key: *CSS* = *Contemporary Security Studies* | 🡺 Marks an important date, usually exam date or assignment deadlines.

*Laying the Theoretical Foundations*

Week 1

January 8 | Introduction, Syllabus

January 10|

* Introduction: *CSS* Chapter 1

Week II: REALISM/LIBERALISM

January 15 |

* *CSS* Chapter 2

January 17 |

* *CSS* Chapter 3

Week III: HISTORICAL MATERIALISM/CSS

January 22 |

* *CSS* Chapter 4

January 24 |

* *CSS* Chapter 6

Week IV: CONSTRUCTIVISM/SECURITIZATION

January 29 **|**

* *CSS* Chapter 7

January 31 |

* *CSS* Chapter 10

Week V: GENDER/HUMAN SECURITY

February 5 |

* *CSS* Chapter 9

February 7 |

* *CSS* Chapter 8

Week VI: PEACE STUDIES/MILITARY SECURITY

February 12 |

* *CSS* Chapter 9

February 14 |

* *CSS* Chapter 11

Week VII: REGIME/SOCIETAL SECURITY

February 19 |

* *CSS* Chapter 12

February 21 |

* *CSS* Chapter 13

Week VIII: ECONOMIC/ENVIRONMENAL SECURITY

February 26 |

* *CSS* Chapter 14

February 28 |

* *CSS* Chapter 15

*Issues in Global Security*

Week IX: DEVELOPMENT/ENERGY

March 5 |

* *CSS* Chapter 16

March 7 |

* *CSS* Chapter 21

Week X

March 12 | FILM

**🡺** March 14 | FILM + **QUIZ**

Week XI

March 19 | SPRING BREAK: No Class!

March 21 | SPRING BREAK: No Class!

Week XII: TERRORISM/WMD

March 26 |

* *CSS* Chapter 19

March 28 |

* *CSS* Chapter 18

Week XIII

April 2 | FILM

**🡺** April 4 | FILM + **QUIZ**

Week XIV: POPULATIONS/HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION

April 9 |

* *CSS* Chapter 26

April 11 |

* *CSS* Chapter 20

Week XV: CRIME/DEFENSE TRADE

April 16 |

* *CSS* Chapter 24

April 18 |

* *CSS* Chapter 22

Week XVI: DISEASE/FUTURE OF SECURITY STUDIES

April 23 |

* *CSS* Chapter 23

**🡺** April 25 | Final Day of Class,

* *CSS* Chapter 27

**🡺** Final exam: April 30 (Tues), 2:50pm - 5:40pm

1. Because unexpected meetings and assorted similar events occur all the time, office hours must inevitably be flexible and I may, from time to time be required to cancel them. If this becomes necessary, I will notify you as far in advance as possible and endeavor to arrange alternative office hours. If you cannot make office hours, I am available for scheduled appointments. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. In addition, you should also be regularly reading a current events news source like the *New York Times* or the *Economist*. You will find that doing so will be critical to your success in this class. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)