



EXTENDED CAMPUS

COLLEGE *of* PROFESSIONAL
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IAS 5940-502: Topics in International Studies: Western Hemispheric Security - An American Dilemma

Course Description:

The world has changed tremendously since the end of the Cold War in many respects, security being chief among them. The relative global stability that the Cold War brought to the West has evolved over the past three decades to become an inherently unstable and volatile one. The Western Hemisphere, traditionally comprised of Western Europe, North America and certain Pacific allies, has seen traditional threats to security change in nature and increase in complexity. The Cold War threat of the Soviet nuclear missile has been effectively replaced by a long list of smaller security problems, which are proving a significant challenge to counter. How has America chosen to manage security in the Western Hemisphere amidst all this change? The resulting dilemma for America is whether to “go it alone” or engage a myriad of international partners to ensure global stability that ultimately affects life at home.

Course Dates:

September 13 – November 21, 2021

Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: August 15, 2021

Site Director:

This is a three-credit hour online course. Please see your local Site Director or e-mail our online site coordinator aponline@ou.edu.

Professor Contact Information:

Course Professor: Bruce P Barnes (Lieutenant-Colonel, RCAF, retired)
Email Address: Bruce.P.Barnes-1@ou.edu
Virtual Office Hours: By appointment
Professor availability: The professor will be available via email to students during the above listed Virtual Office Hours and other methods by arrangement.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:

Student materials are available at the OU Bookstore Website at <https://ou.textbookx.com/institutional/index.php>. The website has book selling, renting, buying, returning, and order tracking capabilities. If you need help with an order, or if you have any questions contact the toll-free phone at 1-(855)-790-6637, agents are available from 9a – 5p (EST) Monday – Friday. For more information or questions about textbooks, contact apsyllabi@ou.edu. Text prices are available online.

1. Gates, Robert, M. (2020). Exercise of Power: American Failures, Successes, and a New Path Forward in the Post-Cold War World. Knopf. ISBN 978-1524731885

2. Mandelbaum, M. (2017). *Mission Failure: America and the World in the Post-Cold War Era*. Oxford University Press. ISBN 9780190692247
3. Materials posted on the OU Canvas learning management system: Access Canvas at <https://canvas.ou.edu>, enter your OU NetID and password, and select course to access material. If you require assistance with Canvas, please click on the Help icon. You can search the Canvas guides, chat with Canvas support, or contact OU IT.

OU Email:

All official correspondence from instructors will be sent only to students' ou.edu address.

Course Objectives:

1. Identify and study the recent history and current themes of the American approach to international cooperation, alliance and security governance;
2. Discuss topics including international bodies, alliances and treaties to determine their value to the overall security framework;
3. Identify and discuss the changing nature of security and stability; and
4. Determine America's policies and public opinion towards management of regional governance.

Course Outline:

This on-line course will combine traditional aspects of the liberal arts with lectures and assigned readings. To continue developing research and critical writing skills, activities including weekly readings and written assignments will be performed.

The course will follow a series of 8 lectures with associated readings. Audio lectures (30-45 min approx. length) and lecture slides will be available for download from the Canvas course webpage. These lectures are entitled:

1. Security's Cold War Roots;
2. The Post-Cold War World;
3. Threats From Abroad;
4. Threats From Within;
5. International Cooperation;
6. American Security Alliances;
7. US Foreign and Security Policy; and
8. American Public Opinion.

Assignments, Due Dates and Percent of Grade:

Detailed assignment instructions and guidance will be made available to students on the Canvas course webpage one month prior to the first class.

Assignment	Due Date(s)	Percent of Grade
Initial Canvas log-in and introduction post	17 Sep	0
Online Participation. Students participate online by providing 500-word postings to answer questions posed by the instructor in 3 online discussion groups. Students are encouraged to respond to other student's posts, although this is not mandatory.	24 Sep 15 Oct 29 Oct	20
Profile (4-5 pages). Students write a profile on a topic of their choice from a list provided by the instructor. Each student is responsible for writing a profile that provides a sketch of a significant international organization or alliance. Emphasis will be on the organized approach to assessing the organization/agreement in the following ways: (1) brief history since inception; (2) ideology and reason for existence; (3) stated goals or mission; and (4) impact upon the stability, peace and governance of the Western hemisphere. Your success will be based primarily upon your ability to effectively explain what the organization's impact is on the West. Select one organization from the following list: UN; ICAO; IMF; WTO; WHO; or OAS.	10 Oct	20
Critique (4-5 pages). Students write a critique on their choice of either of the course textbooks. Emphasis will be on the organized approach to assessing the book in terms of your own opinion and reaction to it. Your success will be based primarily upon your ability to effectively explain the author's main argument or thesis and how they go about proving it. This assignment is based on the entire book, not just the assigned reading portions listed in the syllabus.	7 Nov	20
Paper (8-10 pages). Students choose from a list of topics assigned by the instructor. Each student is responsible for researching and writing a paper that is their own, original work. Your success will be based primarily upon your ability to effectively support your paper's thesis argument and provide your own analysis. Emphasis will be on the effective analysis of detailed issues surrounding main themes discussed during the course.	21 Nov	40

Grading:

This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F.

Notice: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.

Policy for Late Work:

Please contact the professor regarding his/her policy for late work.

Attendance Policy:

In addition to interaction via Canvas and email contact, students are required to contact the instructor via email or telephone **before** the beginning of the course term for an initial briefing. Although physical class meetings are not part of this course, participation in all interactive, learning activities is required.

Student assignments and student/instructor communications will be conducted via Canvas, although students may contact the instructor via telephone, postal mail, email, or fax as needed

Incomplete Grade Policy:

A grade of “I” is not automatically assigned, but rather must be requested by the student by submitting to the instructor a “Petition for and Work to Remove an Incompleted Grade” form. An “I” can never be used in lieu of an “F” nor can an “I” be assigned because of excessive failure to participate in class activities.

Technical Support Information:

If you experience technical problems, contact Information Technology by visiting their website at: <http://webapps.ou.edu/it/> or contacting them by telephone at: (405) 325-HELP (4357).

POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Note: Attendance/absences do not apply to online courses. However, participation in all course activities is extremely important to student success in online courses.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. 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. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution's policy regarding "I" (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy. Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any "I" (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on "financial aid probation." If the "I" grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student's Financial Aid may be suspended making the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Integrity and Student Conduct

Academic integrity means honesty and responsibility in scholarship. Academic assignments exist to help students learn; grades exist to show how fully this goal is attained. Therefore all work and all grades should result from the student's own understanding and effort.

Academic misconduct is any act which improperly affects the evaluation of a student's academic performance or achievement. Misconduct occurs when the student either knows or reasonably should know that the act constitutes misconduct. Academic misconduct includes: cheating and using unauthorized materials on examinations and other assignments; improper collaboration, submitting the same assignment for different classes (self-plagiarism); fabrication, forgery, alteration of documents, lying, etc...in order to obtain an academic advantage; assisting others in academic misconduct; attempting to commit academic misconduct; destruction of property, hacking, etc...; intimidation and interference with integrity process; and plagiarism. All students should review the Student's Guide to Academic Integrity at http://integrity.ou.edu/students_guide.html

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. All students should review policies regarding student conduct at <http://studentconduct.ou.edu/>

Accommodation Statement

The University of Oklahoma is committed to making its activities as accessible as possible. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact your local OU Site Director.

Adjustment for Pregnancy/Childbirth-Related Issues

Should you need modifications or adjustments to your course requirements because of documented pregnancy-related or childbirth-related issues, please contact me as soon as possible to discuss. Generally, modifications will be made where medically necessary and similar in scope to accommodations based on temporary disability. Please see <http://www.ou.edu/content/eoo/faqs/pregnancy-faqs.html>.

Title IX Resources

For any concerns regarding gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, stalking, or intimate partner violence, the University offers a variety of resources, including advocates on-call 24/7, counseling services, mutual no-contact orders, scheduling adjustments, and disciplinary sanctions against the perpetrator. Please contact the Sexual Misconduct Office at smo@ou.edu or (405) 325-2215 (8-5), or the Sexual Assault Response Team at (405) 615 -0013 (24/7) to report an incident. To learn more about Title IX, please visit the Institutional Equity Office's website at <http://www.ou.edu/content/eoo.html>

Course Policies

Extended Campus (also and formerly known as Advanced Programs) policy is to order books in paperback if available. Courses, dates, and professors are subject to change. Please check with your OU Site Director. Students should retain a copy of any assignments that are e/mailed to the professor for the course. Neither duplicating services nor office supplies are provided.

Any and all course materials, syllabus, lessons, lectures, etc. are the property of professor teaching the course and the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma and are protected under applicable copyright.

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INSTRUCTOR VITA

Lieutenant-Colonel Bruce P Barnes, Royal Canadian Air Force

Education

- 2008 US Air Force Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama
- 2007 MA (War Studies) Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston, Ontario
- 1989 BA (History) York University, Glendon College, Toronto, Ontario

Current Positions

- OU College of International Studies lecturer since 2008
- OU College of Professional and Continuing Studies lecturer since 2009
- OU College of Liberal Studies lecturer since 2011

Frequently Taught Courses at OU

- IAS 5940 Topics in International Studies: EU, NATO and European Security
- IAS 5940 Topics in International Studies: Afghanistan in Conflict
- IAS 5940 Topics in International Studies: Western Hemispheric Security
- IAS 5940 Topics in International Studies: International Terrorism
- IAS 5940 Topics in International Studies: Modern Statecraft
- IAS 5960 Independent Directed Reading: Post-Cold-War Security Studies
- LTSD 5970 The Citizen as Soldier

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest

- Modern European / North American Security Issues
- Post-Cold War Governance Systems

Representative Publications and Presentations

- MA Thesis: “Fighters First: The Transition of the Royal Canadian Air Force 1945-1952”
- Royal Canadian Air Force Command Doctrine B-GA-401 (2012 and 2017)
- Royal Canadian Air Force Journal (numerous articles)