

This module provides an overview of the field of international security studies. It examines how and why states and other international actors compete, why they at times engage in military conflict, and how they use coercion, diplomacy, and other tools to advance and protect their interests in international politics. Covering both classic and contemporary readings on international security, this module aims to provide students with a clear understanding of the central problems, issues, and debates in international security. We will address debates such as the effectiveness of deterrence, the causes of war, and technology s impact on the balance of power and military effectiveness. We will also examine key concepts central to international relations theory and international security, such as anarchy, the security dilemma, the balance of power, and levels of analysis. This module will emphasize providing students with the tools and concepts necessary to formulate and justify their own positions on issues central to war and peace in the twenty-first century.

Curricular information is subject to change

What will I learn?

Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this module students should:

- have a good understanding of the various debates in the field of security studies;
- be able to critically engage with the scholarly literature on international security;
- be able to apply theories and concepts from the field of security studies to understand and explain real-world events.

How will I learn?

Student Effort Hours:

Student Effort Type	Hours
Seminar (or Webinar)	24
Autonomous Student Learning	200
Total	224

Am I eligible to take this module?

Requirements, Exclusions and Recommendations

Not applicable to this module.

Module Requisites and Incompatibles

Not applicable to this module.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment Strategy

Description	Timing	Open Book Exam	Component Scale	Must Pass Component	% of Final Grade
Essay: Essay 1 - 5000 words	Unspecified	n/a	Graded	No	50
Essay: Essay 2 - 5000 words	Unspecified	n/a	Graded	No	50

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<div class="col-sm-6">Carry forward of passed components

No</div>

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What happens if I fail?

Resit In	Terminal Exam
Autumn	No

Assessment feedback

<div class="subHeadCB">Feedback Strategy/Strategies</div>

<p>* Feedback individually to students, post-assessment

* Group/class feedback, post-assessment

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<div class="subHeadCB">How will my Feedback be Delivered?</div>

<p>Not yet recorded.</p>

Reading List

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International Security (POL42060) </h1><h3 class="printOnly">Academic Year 2019/2020</h3><p class="printOnly">The information contained in this document is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate at the time of publication, and is solely for informational purposes. University College Dublin accepts no liability for any loss or damage howsoever arising as a result of use or reliance on this information.</p>

<h4 class="noPrint">International Security (POL42060)</h4>

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<dt>Subject:</dt>

<dd>Politics</dd>

<dt>College:</dt>

<dd>Social Sciences & Law</dd>

<dt>School:</dt>

<dd>Politics & Int Relations</dd>

<dt>Level:</dt>

<dd>4 (Masters)</dd>

<dt>Credits:</dt>

<dd>10.0</dd>

<dt>Trimester:</dt>

<dd>Spring</dd>

<dt>Module Coordinator:</dt>

<dd>Dr Richard Maher</dd>

<dt>Mode of Delivery:</dt>

<dd>Face-to-Face</dd>

<dt>Internship Module:</dt><dd>No</dd>

<dt>How will I be graded?</dt>

<dd>Letter grades </dd>

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