

## POL90030 Nuclear Weapons and Disarmament

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week for 12 weeks. If enrolments exceed 30, the 2nd hour of the seminar may be split into 2 or 3 small classes. Total Time Commitment: Not available
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Admission to the Master of International Politics, Master of International Relations, Political Science or International Studies Honours, Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Political Science or International Politics) or Postgraduate Certificate in Arts (Political Science or International Studies)
<b>Corequisites:</b>	none
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	Politics and International Studies at Undergraduate level
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	none
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: <a href="http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/">http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/</a>
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	<p>This subject provides an advanced introduction and critical review of the development and spread of nuclear weapons, the challenges they present, and approaches to their control and to disarmament. This will include a critical examination of strategies for the use of nuclear weapons, measures to reduce their numbers, proliferation and risk of use (including an examination of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty), and whether complete nuclear disarmament is possible and how it might be achieved.</p> <p>A feature of this subject is that most of the lectures will be delivered by visiting experts including Professor Richard Broinowski, Dr. Andy Butfoy, Professor Gareth Evans, Professor Jim Falk, Assoc. Prof. Michael Hamel-Green, Dr. Ron Huisken, Assoc. Prof. Tilman Ruff and Professor Richard Tanter.</p>
<b>Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Enabling students to gain thorough knowledge of major aspects of the history of nuclear weapons.</li> <li># Strengthening analytical capacity about the complexities of competing nuclear strategies such as deterrence.</li> <li># Increasing understanding of the consequences of the existence and potential use of nuclear weapons.</li> <li># Reviewing possibilities and requirements for and the potential process of nuclear disarmament.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Written work totalling 5000 words comprising a 1000 word essay (20%) to be submitted in week 4, a 2000 word essay (40%) due in week eight, and a reflective essay on a set topic of 2000 words (40%) to be submitted during the examination period.

<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Joseph Cirincione, <i>Bomb Scare: The History and Future of Nuclear Weapons</i> , Columbia UP, New York, 2007. The Weapons of Mass destruction Commission, final report, <i>Weapons of Terror: Freeing the World of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Arms</i> , (the Blix Report) Stockholm, Sweden, 1 June 2006. George Perkovich and James M Acton, <i>Abolishing Nuclear Weapons</i> , Adelphi Paper 396, IISS, London, 2008.
<b>Recommended Texts:</b>	SIPRI, <i>SIPRI Yearbook 2008: Armaments, Disarmament and International Security</i> , OUP, Oxford, 2008.  United Nations, <i>The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook</i> , Vol 32 (Part I): 2007, Disarmament Resolutions and Decisions of the Sixty-Second Session of the UN General Assembly.
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Increasing capacity for contemporary historical analysis of international relations.</li> <li># Strengthening analytical capacity for national and international political and strategic review.</li> <li># Strengthening personal capacity to identify crucial factors influencing issues, analyse them logically and develop persuasive arguments about them.</li> <li># Further development of eloquence as a writer.</li> </ul>
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Master of International Politics Master of International Relations Master of International Studies
<b>Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:</b>	International Politics International Politics International Studies Political Science Political Science Political Science