

POL90022 International Security

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2013.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week for 12 weeks. Repeat seminars will be scheduled, subject to enrolments. Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	Entry into the Master of International Relations (MIR)
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	166-559 International Security
Core Participation Requirements:	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: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	This subject provides students with a critical understanding of the changing concepts and practices of security in a globalised and dynamic world. The subject contrasts traditional state-centric, military based, and external-oriented national security thinking and policy with non-traditional, critical, and human security approaches. The subject explores key relationships between: the state, society and security, including in 'failed states'; international intervention and security, including the 'responsibility to protect' doctrine; weapons and security, including nuclear weapons; and considers the particular insecurities of marginalised groups, such as forcibly displaced populations. The subject then explores globalised forms of insecurity including information and cyber threats, transnational terrorism and organised crime, global health pandemics, and the nexus between climate change, natural resources, and conflict.
Objectives:	On completion of this subject students should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Have a political, historical and cultural understanding of both traditional and non-traditional sources of insecurity; # Be able to evaluate national, regional, and international institutional responses to transnational security threats; # have strengthened skills in critically analysing different security discourses, including through the 'securitisation' process; # develop skills in analysing and evaluating contemporary security policy, and preparing policy briefings.
Assessment:	2 x 1000 word briefing papers, each worth 20% due during the semester, and a 3000 word research essay worth 60% due at the end of semester. Hurdle Requirement: Students are required to attend a minimum of 75% of classes in order to qualify to have their written work assessed. Regular participation in class is required. Assessment that is submitted after the due date and up to 10 working days late without an approved extension will be marked on a pass/fail basis only. Assessment that is submitted later than 10 working days will not be accepted or marked. In-class tasks missed without approval will not be marked. All pieces of written work must be submitted to pass this subject.

Prescribed Texts:	Required readings will be available electronically via the subject's LMS site prior to the commencement of semester.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Applying research skills and critical methods to a field of inquiry. # Developing persuasive arguments on a given topic. # Communicating oral and written arguments and ideas effectively. # Developing cross-cultural understanding.
Notes:	This subject is a compulsory component of the Master of International Relations. It is also compulsory in the Master of International Politics 100-point program (teach-out) and the Master of Arts International Politics (ASST) for those students who have not completed 166-502.
Related Course(s):	M.A.International Politics (Advanced Seminars and Shorter Thesis)
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	100 Point Master of International Relations 200 Point Master of International Relations