

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO**  
**INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM SYLLABUS**

**CAPSTONE COURSE**

Dr. James J. Coyle, Spring 2012

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Class Meeting  
Information:  
ERCA 115  
Tuesday 6-8:50

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**Course Description**

This course provides a review of the National Security Strategy of the United States. It pays particular attention to the elements of national power, and the role of International Law in the creation and maintenance of America's security and freedom, especially in light of transnational threats.

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**Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate their ability to understand the concepts involved in the creation of national security strategy.
- Make a written analysis of some aspect of the national security process.
- Analyze and prepare national security strategies of the United States and others.
- Understand the nuances involved in supporting or criticizing these strategies..

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**Texts and Course Materials**

All course materials are either on line or available through the library from on-line data bases.

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**Course Requirements and Grading Policy**

This course will emphasize both the ability to understand government and academic writings on various aspects of national security, and focus on student participation. Accordingly, by Monday noon every week, students will submit via e-mail two questions based on the assigned readings for the week. The questions can be on any aspect of the readings, but should be limited to the assigned materials. The questions should be based on a minimum of two separate readings; questions that show a synthesis of the readings are preferred. In addition, in week number two students are responsible for a 3 page thought piece on nuclear power/nuclear weapons. There is also a major product required in the course, consisting of a 20 page final paper. The project will be evaluated on the following basis: summation of readings, analysis, and the use of proper

English (to include appropriate academic formatting). The paper must include footnotes or endnotes, and a bibliography.

Your grade will be computed on the following basis:

Attendance, participation, and timely submission of weekly questions	30%
Three page nuclear paper	10%
Midterm	20%
Final Paper	40%

## Attendance Policy

**Students are expected to be in class each day scheduled.**

## Conduct

Students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the policies set forth in UCSD's academic catalog and Student Handbook. Cooperation with one another is encouraged, but plagiarism is a violation of university policy and will be treated accordingly.

## Course Timeline

### ***Week One— Basic Concepts and Issues***

1. Kennedy, Robert. "The Elements of Strategic Thinking: A Practical Guide." In Gabriel Marcella, ed., *Teaching Strategy: Challenge and Response*. Carlisle, Pa: US Army War College, March 2010, pp. 9-17, 22-46. <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/display.cfm?pubID=976>
2. Jablonsky, David. "Why is Strategy Difficult?" in J. Boone Bartholomees, ed., "The US Army College Guide to National Security Issues." Volume I. Carlisle, PA: US Army War College, July 2010. <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdf/PUB1004.pdf>
3. Dorff, Robert H. "Some Basic Concepts and Approaches in the Study of International Politics." U.S. Army War College Guide to Strategy. Carlisle, PA: US Army War College, February 2001, pp. 31-42. <http://www.comw.org/qdr/fulltext/01cerami.pdf>
4. Yarger, H. Richard. "Toward a Theory of Strategy: Art Lykke and the US Army War College Model," in J. Boone Bartholomees, ed., "The US Army College Guide to National Security Issues." Volume 1. Carlisle, PA: US Army War College, July 2010. <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdf/PUB1004.pdf>

### ***Week Two — Deterrence***

#### **Three page paper due.**

1. Department of Defense. Nuclear Posture Review Report. April 2010. <http://www.defense.gov/npr/docs/2010%20Nuclear%20Posture%20Review%20Report.pdf>
2. Sokolsky, Henry D., The Next Arms Race. Powerpoint. <http://npolicy.org/article.php?aid=1170&rt=&key=next%20arms%20race%20presentation&sec=article&author=>

### ***Week Three—National Security Environment in the Twenty First Century***

## Final Proposals Due Today

1. National Intelligence Council, Global Trends 2025: A Transformed World. NIC 2008-003, November 2008. [www.dni.gov/nic/NIC\\_2025\\_project.html](http://www.dni.gov/nic/NIC_2025_project.html).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ "The 2011 Failed State Index," *Foreign Policy*. Available at <http://www.foreignpolicy.com/failedstates>. Include all the accompanying articles, as well.
3. Clapper, James R. 2012 National Intelligence Threat Assessment. February 16, 2012. [http://www.dni.gov/testimonies/20120216\\_SASC%20Final%20Unclassified%20-%202012%20ATA%20SFR.pdf](http://www.dni.gov/testimonies/20120216_SASC%20Final%20Unclassified%20-%202012%20ATA%20SFR.pdf)

## Week Four—Case Study: *China Energy and Maritime Policy*

1. Clark, Ryan. "Chinese Energy Security: The Myth of the PLAN's Frontline Status." Carlisle, Pa: US Army War College, August, 2010. <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/pub1012.pdf>
2. Goldstein, Lyle. "Five Dragons Stirring Up the Sea." Newport, Rhode Island: US Naval War College, Chinese Maritime Institute. [http://www.usnwc.edu/Research---Gaming/China-Maritime-Studies-Institute/Publications/documents/CMSI\\_No5\\_web1.pdf](http://www.usnwc.edu/Research---Gaming/China-Maritime-Studies-Institute/Publications/documents/CMSI_No5_web1.pdf)

## Week Five — *State Power in International Security*

1. Ulrich, Marybeth. "Retooling US Public Diplomacy as a Strategic Instrument of Foreign Power," Cook, Martin L. "Ethical Issues in War: An Overview," in J. Boone Bartholomees, ed., "The US Army College Guide to National Security Issues." Volume II. Carlisle, PA: US Army War College, July 2010. <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/pub871.pdf>
2. Fendrick, Reed J. "Diplomacy as an Instrument of National Power," in J. Boone Bartholomees, ed., "The US Army College Guide to National Security Issues." Volume I. Carlisle, PA: US Army War College, July 2010. <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/PUB1004.pdf>
3. Jablonsky, David. "National Power," in J. Boone Bartholomees, ed., "The US Army College Guide to National Security Issues." Volume I. Carlisle, PA: US Army War College, July 2010. <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/PUB1004.pdf>
4. Chun, Clayton K.S. "Economics: A Key Element of National Power." in J. Boone Bartholomees, ed., "The US Army College Guide to National Security Issues." Volume I. Carlisle, PA: US Army War College, July 2010. <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/PUB1004.pdf>

## Week Six --Midterm

## Week Seven -- International Law

1. Schmitt, Michael N. "Bellum Americanum Revisited: US Security Strategy and the Jus ad Bellum." In *Military Law Review*, Vol. 176, June 2003, pp. 364-421. [http://www.pegc.us/archive/Articles/MLR\\_Volume176Schmitt.pdf](http://www.pegc.us/archive/Articles/MLR_Volume176Schmitt.pdf)

2. Cook, Martin L. "Ethical Issues in War: An Overview," in J. Boone Bartholomees, ed., "The US Army College Guide to National Security Issues." Volume II. Carlisle, PA: US Army War College, July 2010. <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/pub871.pdf>
3. McShane, Thomas W. "The United States and the International Criminal Court" Cook, Martin L. "Ethical Issues in War: An Overview," in J. Boone Bartholomees, ed., "The US Army College Guide to National Security Issues." Volume II. Carlisle, PA: US Army War College, July 2010. <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/pub871.pdf>
4. McShane, Thomas W. "International Law and the New World Order: Redefining Sovereignty," in J. Boone Bartholomees, ed., "The US Army College Guide to National Security Issues." Volume II. Carlisle, PA: US Army War College, July 2010. <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/pub871.pdf>

### *Week Eight—Economics and National Security*

1. International Monetary Fund, "World Economic Outlook." April 2010. <http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2010/01/pdf/text.pdf>
2. U.S. Energy Information Administration, International Energy Outlook 2010 Highlights. <http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/ieo/pdf/highlights.pdf>
3. National Petroleum Council. "Hard Truths: Facing the Hard Truths About Energy." 2007.
4. Phlipot, Constance. "Economic Diplomacy: View of a Practitioner." In J. Boone Bartholomees, ed., "The US Army College Guide to National Security Issues." Volume I. Carlisle, PA: US Army War College, July 2010. <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/PUB1004.pdf>
5. Linger, Janeen M. "Political Economy and National Security: A Primer." In J. Boone Bartholomees, ed., "The US Army College Guide to National Security Issues." Volume I. Carlisle, PA: US Army War College, July 2010. <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/PUB1004.pdf>

### *Week Nine—US National Security Strategy*

1. Department of Defense, Quadrennial Defense Review Report 2010. 1-48, 57-72, 97-128. <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/qdr-2010.pdf>
3. White House, National Security Strategy, May 2010. [http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss\\_viewer/national\\_security\\_strategy.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss_viewer/national_security_strategy.pdf)

### *Week Ten—*

***All Papers Due Today at Beginning of Class time***