

Information list of a subject

University: Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA)	
Faculty	
Subject code:	Subject name: Advanced International Relations: Conflict and Security
Type, scope, and method of educational activities: Two weekly meetings of 90 minutes each, amounting 42 hours total. Every week, the first meeting takes the form of a lecture and the second of a seminar.	
Number of credits: 6 ECT	
Suggested semester: –	
Level of studies: 1	
Conditional previous subjects: none	
<p>Requirements for the course: Passing the course assumes that student was not absent at more than 4 class sessions. Late arrival is marked as a “tardie”. Three tardies equal one absence. Missing more than 15 minutes of the class is considered an absence.</p> <p>Assignments and evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Dossier (cumulative, structured): 40% • Policy Memo (mid-semester): 25% • Final Policy Briefing (presentation + slides): 25% • Attendance: 10% 	
<p>Learning outcomes: By the end of the course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse conflict and security using advanced IR and security theories • Explain how Middle Eastern conflicts affect European and EU security • Critically assess the roles of the EU, NATO, and OSCE in conflict management • Understand Türkiye’s role as a regional and trans-regional security actor • Produce policy-relevant security analysis • Evaluate competing models of security governance 	
<p>Brief outline of the course: This course examines contemporary conflict and security dynamics across Europe, the EU’s wider neighbourhood, the Middle East, and Türkiye, with particular emphasis on how these arenas intersect through war, deterrence, hybrid conflict, migration, terrorism, international law, and security governance. Rather than analysing conflicts in isolation, the course treats European security as structurally linked to developments in the Middle East and Eurasia, and critically assesses the roles of the EU, NATO, and the OSCE in managing – and increasingly failing to manage – contemporary security challenges. The course combines advanced theoretical perspectives with applied, policy-oriented analysis and is designed to bridge academic research, teaching, and practical security expertise.</p>	
<p>Recommended readings: Buzan, B., & Ole Waver. (2003). <i>Regions and Powers: The Structure of International Security</i>. Cambridge University Press. Kalyvas, S. N. (2006). <i>The Logic of Violence in Civil War</i>. Cambridge University Press.</p>	

Malanczuk, Peter. 1997. *Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law*. 7th ed. Routledge.
Williams, P. D. (2008). *Security Studies: An Introduction*. Routledge.

Language of the course: English

Notes:

Evaluation

Total number of evaluated students:

A	B	C	D	E	FX
(percentage of students who got A)	(percentage of students who got B)	(percentage of students who got C)	(percentage of students who got D)	(percentage of students who got E)	(percentage of students who got FX)

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