

**LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**Political Science 4315 FAO**  
**Security and Conflict Resolution**

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**Fall 2016**  
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**Office Hours:**

Tuesday: 11:30-12:30  
Thursday: 11:30-12:30  
--or by appointment--

**OBJECTIVES AND CONTENT:**

The purpose of this course is to familiarize the students with the quest for order and durable peace in world politics. It will analyze conflicts and conflict resolution mechanism from a variety of perspectives. The course will examine the theoretical and applied dimensions of contemporary security, crime, and conflict resolution mechanism. First, it will address the approaches to security and conflict; the nature and causes of conflict; threats to peace and security. It will then look at a variety of proposals for eliminating war and conflict in order to provide peace and security to the nations of the world: types of negotiations and mediation practices, bilateral and multilateral negotiations, conference diplomacy, third party intervention, the UN system, functionalism, regionalism and new world order.

This is a seminar course and, therefore each class will be divided into two parts: The first half of the class will be based on lectures and the second half will concentrate on students' presentation, discussion and participation on assigned readings.

**TEACHING METHODOLOGY:**

Lectures, Class Discussions and Presentation.

**REQUIRED TEXT:**

Richard J. Payne, *Global Issues* (Toronto: Pearson, 2017) available at the Bookstore or online

**RECOMMENDED TEXT**

Joseph Nye, Jr. *Understanding International Conflicts*.

**EVALUATION:**

Research Paper.....	30%
Final Examination.....	30 %
Attendance/participation	10%
Mid term Examination	30%

*If you miss 3 classes you may not be allowed to continue in the course*

**RESEARCH PAPER:**

The Research Paper, not more than 25 pages typed double-spaced, is due on the last day of this course. **Please consult me before writing.**

**TOPICS:**

*ANY INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT OR GLOBAL CRIMINAL CASE*

**NOTE:** Only two students can write on ONE topic (individually, not jointly). So select the topic as early as possible.

**SEMINAR PRESENTATION:**

**There will be an assigned presentation. Every student has to sign up for a particular chapter in the text book in the first week of the class. Any six students will make a summary presentation and comments on the assigned reading in every class.**

**NOTE:** Readings from Payne are compulsory because in the second half of every class I will ask questions from readings. Every student must be prepared for each class.

**Students are strongly urged to be in touch and benefit from consultation with the Professor regarding their progress in the course.  
Students are reminded to consult the University's *Policy* on cheating and plagiarism.**

<b>LECTURE AND READINGS OUTLINE</b>
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**WEEK 1**      Introduction: An overview of the course

**WEEK 2**  
Lecture:      Approaches to Conflict and Security

**WEEK 3**  
Lecture:      Roots of Conflicts and International Insecurity

Required Readings:                      Chapters 1 & 2

**WEEK 4**  
Lecture:      Threats to International Peace and Security: Canada's Position

Required Readings                      Chapters 3 & 4

**WEEK 5**  
Lecture:      Conflict Resolution and international Security in the Post-World War

Required Readings:                      Chapters 5 & 6

**WEEK 6**      **MID TERM EXAM: October 19, 2016**

**WEEK 7**  
Lecture:      Conflict Management in Global Politics

Required Readings:                      Chapters 7 & 8

**WEEK 8**  
Lecture:      Collective Security and the UN System

Required Readings:                      Chapters 9 & 10

**WEEK 9**  
Lecture:      Regionalism as a Means to Conflict Resolution

Required Readings:                      Chapters 11 & 12

**WEEK 10**

Lecture: Post-Settlement Peace Building

Required Readings: Chapters 13 & 14

**WEEK 11: Draft Research Paper presentation**

**WEEK 12: Draft Research Paper Presentation :** Conclusion: International Security and New World Order

**RESEARCH PAPER DUE**

**FINAL EXAMINATION-**