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Security and Conflict Resolution

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Office Hours:

Monday: 1 p.m. -2 p.m.
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--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.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY:

Lectures, Class Discussions and Presentation.

REQUIRED TEXT:

Joseph Nye, Jr and David Welch. *Understanding Global Conflict and Cooperation* (PEARSON)

The Book is available on line or in the Library on reserve for 2 hours.

EVALUATION:

Research Paper.....	30%
Final Examination.....	30 %
Attendance	20%
Participation, Presentation & Discussion	20%

If any student misses 3 classes he/she may not be allowed to continue in the course

RESEARCH PAPER:

The Research Paper is nearly 25 pages, typed, double-spaced. **Please consult me before writing.**

TOPICS:

ANY INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT OR GLOBAL CRIMINAL CASE

NOTE: Only one student can write on ONE topic. So select the topic as early as possible.

DRAFT RESEARCH PAPER PRESENTATION:

There will be an assigned presentation for each student in the last two classes.

NOTE: Readings from the Text book 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.

LECTURE AND READINGS OUTLINE

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

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

Required Readings Chapter 2

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

Required Readings: Chapters 3

WEEK 6 **Study Break**

WEEK 7
Lecture: Conflict Management in Global Politics

Required Readings: Chapter 4

WEEK 8
Lecture: Collective Security and the UN System

Required Readings: Chapter 5

WEEK 9
Lecture: Regionalism as a Means to Conflict Resolution

Required Readings: Chapter 6

WEEK 10

Lecture: Post-Settlement Peace Building

Required Readings: Chapters 7 and 8

WEEK 11: Draft Research Paper presentation

WEEK 12: Draft Research Paper Presentation

Conclusion: International Security and New World Order.

Required Readings: Chapters 9 and 10

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RESEARCH PAPER DUE: December 7, 2022 at 1 p.m. in my office.

FINAL EXAMINATION- December 12, 2022
Questions will come from Lectures and the Text Book.