

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science 4315 FAO

Security and Conflict Resolution

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Fall 2026
MONDAY 2.30- 5:30 p.m.

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.

For Purchase Link:

<https://console.pearson.com/enrollment/fpqbx>

EVALUATION:

Research Paper.....	30%
Final Examination.....	30 %
MID TERM	30%
Participation, Presentation & Discussion	10%

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

RESEARCH PAPER:

The Research Paper is 15-20 pages, typed, double-spaced.

TOPIC:

ANY INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT OR GLOBAL CRIMINAL CASE

**NOTE: Only one student can write on ONE topic. So select the topic as early as possible.
Your research paper will have the following components:**

1. Title Page: indicate your name, student number, and course number.
2. Text or Body of the Paper
3. Source citations and Reference Page

In writing your paper you should:

- a. use and explain any theoretical framework from class lecture
- b. select one issue/topic/country
- c. collect and analyze the data on the topic and,
- d. conclude the topic in the light of your theoretical framework

If you need further advice please do not hesitate to consult me.

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: Chapter 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: Chapter 3

WEEK 6 **Study Break**

WEEK 7
Lecture: Conflict Management in Global Politics

Required Readings: Chapter 4

WEEK 8
MID TERM TEST OCTOBER 19, 2026
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

RESEARCH PAPER DUE: December 10, 2024

FINAL EXAMINATION- December 14, 2026

Questions will come from Lectures and the Text Book.