Försvarshögskolan

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Course Syllabus

European Security and Crisis Management

Europeisk säkerhet och krishantering

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Course Code	2SS069	**Main Field of Study**	Political Science: Security Studies
Valid from Semester	Spring 2022	**Department**	Department of Political Science and Law
Education Cycle	Advanced level	**Subject**	Political Science
Scope	7.5	**Language of Instruction**	The teaching is conducted in English.
Progression	A1F	**Decided by**	The Research and Education Board's Course Syllabus Committee at the Swedish Defence University
Grading Scale	Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction	**Decision date**	2022-01-01
Revision	1.0		

Entry Requirements

Admitted to the Master Program in Politics and War or to the PhD program in Political Science with a focus on crisis and security.

Course Content and Structure

The security environment of 21st century is diffuse, complex and unpredictable and threats are often asymmetric and transnational. This course aims to develop an understanding of this environment and the challenges it poses to Europe. It focuses on threats such as climate change, forced migration, neighbourhood conflicts, terrorism, cross-border crime, natural disasters, pandemics, and critical infrastructure disruptions. By introducing the concepts of widening security, transboundary crisis, human security, cyber security and regionalism the course explains the new demands put on European states, the European Union (EU) and other regional organizations such as the UN and NATO.

The course explains the driving forces behind, and the constraints for, the creation of EU diplomatic, security, defense and crisis management capacities. It evaluates the balance between human rights and security measures and the implementation of gender objectives. European experiences are critically analysed in the light of a comparative outlook on regional security cooperation across the globe. The course also studies the relationship between regional organizations and their member states, with a special focus on the EU and Sweden. To inspire the discussions and promote a comprehensive outlook on current threats and capacity challenges, the course includes a simulation exercise on the EU's role in transboundary crisis.

The course is organized into an introductory lecture followed by four seminars covering the main themes of the course. It ends with a simulation exercise and concluding lecture.

Intended Learning Outcomes

After having completed this course, students will be able to:

- Account for the main scientific and theoretical issues in the field of regional security and crisis management, including gender questions
- Problematize the role of European security and crisis management through a comparative perspective
- Critically analyze opportunities and constraints for the creation of EU diplomatic, security, defense and crisis management capacities
- Explore various futures of regional security cooperation and crisis management, and discuss Swedish strategies for European security and crisis management
- Critically analyze the relationship between regional organizations (EU) and their member states (Sweden)
- Identify and evaluate the key normative and ethical questions in the field

Type of Instruction

Seminars

Lectures

Assessment

Examination

Scope: 7.5

Grading Scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction

The course is evaluated based on a 3000-word essay and active participation in the compulsory seminars, including written assignments.

The examining teacher may decide to give supplementary tasks in order for the student to achieve a passing grade on the course.

Absence from a maximum of one compulsory seminar may, subject to the examining teacher's decision, be compensated by submission of a written supplementary task.

Grading

Grading is done according to a three-tiered scale: Pass with distinction (VG), Pass (G), and Fail (U).

To receive a pass the student has to have participated actively in the compulsory seminars and have received a passing grade on the submitted written essay.

To receive a pass with distinction the student has to have participated actively in the compulsory seminars and have received the grade pass with distinction on the written essay.

The grading criteria are listed in the course description.

Restrictions in Number of Examinations

There is no limit on the total number of examination opportunities.

Restrictions Concerning Degree

The course cannot be included in a degree together with a course whose content fully or partly corresponds to the content of this course.

Transitional Provisions

When the course is no longer offered or when the contents of the course have been changed in their essence a student has the right to be examined twice during the same academic year according to this course syllabus.

Miscellanous

The course is given as an elective course and forms part of the Master's programme in politics and war. It can also be given as a separate course.

The course is given in English.

- An evaluation of the course will be made after the conclusion of the course, conducted by the course convenor. The evaluation is the basis of eventual changes to the course.
- If a student has a decision from the Swedish Defense University on special educational support due to a disability, the examiner may decide on alternative forms of examination for the student.

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Course literature

2SS069 European Security and Crisis Management	
Literature	
Other tool/aids	
Decision	Appendix decided by ämnesrådet in political science (11November 2021)
Valid from term Spring 2022 Please note that the literature can be changed before each new course opportunity	

Reading list

Books

- Boin, Arjen, Ekengren, Magnus & Rhinard, Mark (2013) *The EU as Crisis Manager: Patterns and Prospects.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press*. (170 pages)

- Bossong, Raphael and Rhinard, Mark (2016) *Theorizing Internal Security in the European Union*, Oxford: Oxford University Press. (190 pages)

- Hollis, Simon (2015) *The Role of Regional Organization in Disaster Risk Management: A Strategy for Global Resilience*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. (180 pages).

- Keukeleire, Stephan and Delreux, Tom (2014) *The Foreign Policy of the European Union*, 2nd edition. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, chs. 1-8 and 14. (200 pages)

- Swain, Ashok (2013) *Understanding Emerging Security Challenges: Threats and Opportunities*. Oxon: Routledge, chapters 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8. (100 pages)

Articles

- Aalto, Pami and Korkmaz Temel (2014) "European Energy Security: Natural Gas and the Integration Process", *Journal of Common Market Studies* Vol. 52, No. 4, pp. 758-774. (16 pages)

- Backman, Sarah (2020) "Conceptualizing Cyber Crisis", *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management,* pp. 1-4. (10 pages)

- Boin, Arjen (2018) "The Transboundary Crisis: Why we are unprepared and the road ahead", *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management,* 1-6. (6 pages)

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Course literature

- Boin, Arjen, Rhinard, Mark & Ekengren, Magnus (2014) "Transboundary Crisis Governance", in J. Sperling (ed.) Handbook of Security and Governance, Cheltenham, Edward Elgar, pp. 307-323. (16)

- Buzan, Barry, "Rethinking Security after the Cold War" (1997) *Cooperation and Conflict*, vol. 32, no. 1, pp. 5-28. (22)

- Carrapico, Helena and Barrinha, André (2017) "The EU as a Coherent (Cyber)Security Actor?", *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Vol 55, No 6, pp. 1254-1272. (18 pages)

- Charap, Samuel and Darden, Keith (2014) "Russia and Ukraine", *Survival: Global Politics and Strategy*, Vol. 56, No 2, pp. 7-14. (8 pages)

- Ceccorulli, Michela & Lucarelli, Sonia (2017) "Migration and the EU Global Strategy: Narratives and Dilemmas", *The International Spectator*, 52:3, pp. 83-102. (19)

- Council of the European Union, *Internal Security Strategy for the European Union: Towards a European Security Model*, 2010.

- European Union, *Shared Vision, Common Action: A Stronger Europe. A Global Strategy for the European Union's Foreign and Security Policy (EUGS)*. June 2016.

- Dreyer, Iana & Nicu Popescu (2014) "The Eurasian Customs Union: The Economics and the Politics", Brief, no. 11, European Union Institute for Security Studies, March. (6)

- Ekengren, Magnus (2018) "A return to geopolitics? The future of the security community in the Baltic Sea Region", *Global Affairs*, Vol. 4, Issue 4-5, pp. 503-519. (16)

- Ekengren, Magnus and Hollis, Simon (2019) "Explaining the European Union's Security Role in Practice", *Journal of Common Market Studies,* published on line 28 august, pp. 1-20. (20)

- Ranstorp, Magnus, Gustafsson, Linus, & Hyllengren, Peder (2015) "From the Welfare State to the Caliphate - How a Swedish suburb became a breeding ground for foreign fighters streaming into Syria and Iraq", *Foreign Policy*, 23 February, pp. 1-11. (10 pages)

- Rhinard, Mark (2020) "Assessing the European Union's performance in the Covid-19 pandemic", *Blog 26 March*, London School of Economics. https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2020/03/26/assessing-the-european-unions-performance-in-the-covid-19-pandemic/

Book chapters

- Ekengren, Magnus (2015) "What Can EU Civil Security Governance Learn from the Common Security and Defence Policy and the European Defence Agency?", in Hendrik Hegemann & Raphael Bossong (eds.), *EU Civil Security Governance: Diversity and Cooperation in Crisis and Disaster Management*, Basingstoke, Palgrave, pp. 233-255. (21 pages)

- Guild, Elspeth (2009) *Security and Migration in the 21st Century*, Cambridge: Polity Press, Chapter 1, pp. 1-28. (28 pages)

- Treverton, Gregory F. (2011) *Intelligence for an Age of Terror*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Chapter 2. (pp 15-48). (33 pages)

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Course literature

- Youngs, Richard (2015) *Climate Change and European Security*, Abingdon: Routledge, Chapter 2-4, pp. 8-58. (50 pages).

Total number of pages: 1136

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