



Course program and reading list

Semester 1 Year 2024

School: Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy B.A

Introduction to Strategic Studies

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Course No.:	Course Type :	Weekly Hours :	Credit:
4553	Lecture	3	2

Course Requirements :	Group Code :	Language:
Final Paper	241455301	Hebrew

Prerequisites

Students who took one of the courses listed below will not be allowed to register to the course Introduction to Strategic Studies (4553):

812 - Tools And Methods Of Policy And Strategy



Course Description

The course provides an overview of the "strategic studies" discipline within the context of modern military and diplomatic history.



Course Goals

We will: (I) explore causes and consequences of war in international relations; (II) focus on the evolution of strategic theory and military thought that reflected the changing character of war in conventional, irregular and nuclear domains; and (III) examine basic analytical tools that support national security decision-making, such as: (a) intelligence analysis, (b) net-assessment and (c) strategic planning.



Grading

Assignment - 10%; Final paper - 90%.



Lecturer Office Hours

By appointment only



Tutor Office Hours

Wednesdays 12:30-15:00



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Reading List

Legend

- Required Reading
- o Recommended Reading

Theme One: War in International Relations and Strategic Studies Discipline

- John Baylis and James Wirtz, "Introduction," in John Baylis, James Wirtz, Colin Gray, and Eliot Cohen, *Strategy in the Contemporary World* (Oxford: Oxford UP, 2007),

pp.1-17.

- John Garnett, "The Causes of War and the Conditions of Peace," in *Strategy* (2007), pp 19-42.
- Thomas G. Mahnken, "Strategic Theory," in *Strategy* (2007), pp.66-82.
- Colin S. Gray and Jeannie L. Johnson, "The Practice of Strategy," in John Baylis, James Wirtz and Colin Gray, *Strategy in the Contemporary World: An Introduction to Strategic Studies* (Oxford UP, 2010), pp. 372-391.

o Justin Marris, "Law, Politics, and the Use of Force," in *Strategy* (2007), pp. 101-122.

o Colin Gray, *Schools for Strategy: Teaching Strategy for 21st Century Conflict* (US Army Strategic Studies Institute, 2009).

Theme Two: Evolution of Modern Warfare and Strategic Thinking

- Michael Sheehan, "The Evolution of Modern Warfare," in *Strategy* (2007), pp. 426-66.

o Dima Adamsky, *The Culture of Military Innovation* (Stanford UP, 2010), pp. 1-4, 131-13.

Evolution of Conventional Warfare

- John Ferris, "Conventional Power and Contemporary Warfare," in *Strategy* (2007), pp. 260-263 (required); pp. 253-274 (recommended).
- Steven Biddle, "Land Warfare: Theory and Practice," in John Baylis, James Wirtz, Eliot Cohen, Colin Gray, *Strategy in the Contemporary World* (Oxford UP, 2004), pp.91-113
- Sam Tangredi, "Sea Power: Theory and Practice," *Strategy* (2004), pp. 113-137.
- Timothy Garden, "Air Power: Theory and Practice," *Strategy* (2004), pp. 137-161.
- Martin Dempsey, "The Future of Joint Operations," *Foreign Affairs*, 20 June, 2013.

o Stephen Biddle, "Iraq, Afghanistan and American Military Transformation," in *Strategy* (2007), pp. 274-295.

Irregular Warfare, Terrorism and Counterinsurgency

- James D. Kiras, "Irregular Warfare," in *Strategy in the Contemporary World* (2007), pp.163-192.
- Phil Williams, "Combating Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime," *Strategy* (2007), pp. 192-209.

o Itai Brun, "The Other Revolution in Military Affairs," *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Aug. 2010, pp. 535-567

o Alex Wilner, "Deterring the Undeterrable," *Journal of Strategic Studies*, vol.34. no.1, 2011.

o Ivan Arreguin Toft, "Unconventional Deterrence: How the Weak Deter Strong," in T.V.Paul, Patrick M. Morgan, and James, J. Wirtz, *Complex Deterrence: Strategy in the Global Age*

(Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2009), pp. 222-259.

Nuclear Weapons

- Lawrence Freedman, *Deterrence* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2004), pp.6-25.
- Dale Walton and Colin S. Gray, "The Second Nuclear Age: Nuclear Weapons in the Twenty- first Century," in *Strategy* (2007), pp.209-228.
- Keith Payne, "Deterrence in the Post-Cold War World," *Strategy* (2004), pp.161183.

o John Baylis and Mark Smith, "The Control of WMD," in *Strategy* (2007), pp. 228253.

Theme Three: National Security **Policymaking: Intelligence and Strategic** **Planning**

o Clin Gray, "Why strategy is difficult?" in Thomas Mahnken and Joseph Maiolo, *Strategic Studies: A Reader* (Rutledge, 2008), pp. 391- 398.

Intelligence Community

- Roger Z. George and James B. Bruce, *Analyzing Intelligence: Origins, Obstacles and Innovations* (Georgetown University Press, 2008), pp. 1-13
- Mark Lowenthal, "What is Intelligence?" in *Intelligence from Secrets to Policy* (CQ Press, 2008), pp. 1 -9 and "The intelligence process," pp. 55-67

o George and Bruce, pp. 107-122.

Collection, Analysis, and Intelligence Officer's Relationship with Strategist

- "The intelligence cycle and the search for information: planning, collecting and processing," in Loch Johnson, *Handbook of Intelligence Studies* (Routledge, 2009), pp. 105-148.
- Lowenthal, "Collection and Collection Disciplines," pp. 69-108 and "Analysis," pp. 111-151.
- Uri Bar-Joseph and Jack S. Levy, "Conscious Action and the Study of Intelligence Failure," *Political Science Quarterly*, summer 2009, Vol. 124, No.3, 461-88.
- Lowenthal, pp. 181-196.

o Michael Herman, *Intelligence Power in Peace and War* (Cambridge UP, 1996) pp. 61-133.

o George and Bruce, pp. 71 -107.

o Uri Bar-Joseph, *The Watchman Fall Asleep* (SUNY Press, 1999)

Net Assessment - History, Tools and Methodology

- Paul Bracken, "Net Assessment: A Practical Guide," *Parameters* (Spring 2006), pp. 90-100.
- Jeffrey S. Lantis and Darryl Howlett, "Strategic Culture," in *Strategy* (2007), pp.8299.

o Dima Adamsky, *The Culture of Military Innovation* (Stanford: Stanford UP, 2010), pp. 6-8, 69- 74.

o Thomas Skypek, "Evaluating Military Balances Through the Lens of Net Assessment: History and Application," *Journal of Military and Strategic Studies*, Vol 12, No 2 (2010).

o Eliot Cohen, "Technology and Warfare," in *Strategy in the Contemporary World* (2007), pp. 141- 161.

Strategic Planning

- Hew Strachan, "The lost meaning of strategy?" in *Strategic Studies* (2008), pp.421-437.
- Colin Gray, "Strategy Eternal," in *Modern Strategy* (Oxford UP, 1999), pp. 354356.