

POLI 4040: Secret Intelligence in Int. System

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Course Description

Welcome students! In this course we will look at the history of secret intelligence and its influence on the international system. The course is designed to create a basic understanding of the following concepts and issues: 1. Strengths and weaknesses of both SigInt. (Signal Intelligence) and HumInt. (Human Intelligence). 2. Historical development of secret intelligence in The Soviet Union, Europe and The United States. 3. Cultural and societal influences on any one nations ability to carry out successful intelligence and counter-intelligence efforts. This course is created to help students develop a historical and analytical perspective of how secret intelligence has and sometimes more importantly has not influenced the international system. It is important to note that the course is not designed to substantively prepare students for a career in intelligence or counter-intelligence. Those interested in such careers can certainly benefit from this course, but should also focus on developing specific skills such as languages or computer programming.

Course Objectives

The primary objectives of this course are developing facility with **(a)** historical progression of secret intelligence **(b)** reading and comprehending materials on the topic **(c)** grasping the world of international relations through the prism of intelligence **(d)** understanding the shortcomings of intelligence and **(e)** having fun! !

Course Policies

Academic Integrity: Academic integrity is of paramount importance and evidence of plagiarism or cheating will result in a failing grade on the assignment in question.

Late Submissions: Except for the most extenuating of circumstances, **I do not accept late work** and I expect each student to come to each of our course meetings having completed the readings and assignments for that day.

Electronic Devices: This is a not a lecture based course. We will be having in-depth discussions almost every class and there is no need for extensive note-taking. Therefore, all devices such as laptops, phones and tablets are disallowed and should be stored away. If you have a disability and require the use of an electronic device, please let me know.

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory and will be accounted for in the overall grade for the course. Late arrivals are not permitted.

Free Passes: I understand that things come up. You get **3** excused absences for the semester. I would encourage you to use these "free passes" conservatively or not use them at all. If you do use one of your passes, you are still responsible to turn in all required work on time and to be aware of any material covered and announcements made during your absence. Any additional absences (beyond the allotted 3) will result in 3 percentage points being subtracted from your final grade. In addition, you get **3** free passes on your weekly summary assignments and can choose not to turn in any four of them.

Grades: Grades will be allocated according to the following schedule.

Score	Grade	Score	Grade	Score	Grade	Score	Grade
97-100	A+	83-86	B	73-76	C	63-66	D
94-96	A	80-82	B-	70-72	C-	60-62	D-
90-93	A-	87-89	B+	77-79	C+	67-69	D+
						< 60	F

Requirements and Evaluation

Participation – 25 points

For each week in the schedule below, students are expected to have read and reflected upon the reading materials listed for that day. In addition, students should be prepared to participate in discussion, both in response to comments from their peers as well as to direct questions from me. Students should be good sports and helpful colleagues. Please note that a good portion of your grade is based on participation. This is done on purpose with the aim to encourage active participation.

Weekly Reflection Paper – 50 points

At the beginning of each week, starting with week 2, students are required to submit a one page (250 words) reflection paper discussing the readings that were assigned for that week. Please note that this should not be merely a summary of the readings, but a reflection piece showing-casing your individual take on the readings. We will discuss this in more detail on the first day of class. If you choose to turn in all of them, I will simply drop your lowest three grades. taking this generous policy into account, absolutely no late work will be accepted.

Final Exam – 25 points

Extra Credit Assignments – 2 points each for a total of 4 points

Weekly Reading and Assignment Schedule

One page reflection papers should be at least 200 words in length. You get three free passes on these assignments and can choose not to turn in any three of them. If you choose to turn in all of them, I will simply drop your lowest three grades.

Week One. January 11th, 13th

No reading is required for this week.

No assignments are due this week.

Week Two. January 18th, 20th

Reading: Theories of International Relations (On Moodle).

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due Wednesday January 18 at 12:30 PM.

Week Three. January 23rd, 25th, 27th

Reading: Origins of the Cold War (On Moodle).

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due Monday January 23 at 12:30 PM.

Week Four. January 30th, February 1st, 3rd

Reading: From 48 Laws of Power – Laws 2, 3 and 11

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due Monday January 30 at 12:30 PM.

Week Five. February 6th, 8th, 10th

Reading: From 48 Laws of Power – Laws 14, 20 and 29.

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due Monday February 6th at 12:30 PM.

Week Six. February 13th, 15th, 17th

Reading: From 48 Laws of Power – Laws 35, 43, and 47

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due Monday February 13th at 12:30 PM.

—*Extra Credit Opportunity This Week: Film on Saturday February 18th.*—

Week Seven. February 20th, 22nd, 24th

Reading: From 33 Strategies of War – Strategies 1, 5 and 6.

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due on Monday February 20th at 12:30 PM.

Week Eight. March 1,3

Reading: From 33 Strategies of War – Strategies 7 and 8.

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due on Wednesday March 1st at 12:30 PM.

Week Nine. March 6th, 8th, 10th

Reading: From 33 Strategies of War – Strategies 10, 11 and 12.

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due on Monday March 6th at 12:30 PM.

Week Ten. March 13th, 15th,17th

Reading: From 33 Strategies of War – Strategies 13, 15 and 17.

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due on Monday March 13th at 12:30 PM.

Week Eleven. March 20th, 22nd, 24th Reading: From 33 Strategies of War – Strategies 20, 21, and 22. Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due on Monday March 20th at 12:30 PM.

Week Twelve. March 27th, 29th, 31st

Reading: From 33 Strategies of War – Strategies 23, 24 and 25.

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due on Monday March 27th at 12:30 PM.

Week Thirteen April 3rd, 5th, 7th

Reading: From 33 Strategies of War – Strategies 27, 29 and 30

Assignment: One Page Reflection Paper Due on Monday April 3rd at 12:30 PM.

Week Fourteen. —SPRING BREAK—

Week Fifteen. April 17th, 19th, 21st

No Reading is Required for This Week

No Assignments are Due This Week.

Extra Credit Opportunity This Week: Film On Saturday April 22nd

Week Sixteen. April 24th, 26th, 28th

Reading: Re-read Theories of International Relations (On Moodle)

Assignment: One Page Paper on How Did Your Understanding of These Theories Change Over the Semester.

Week Seventeen: Final Exam