



STUDY PROGRAMME(S)

(1) EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies

(2) Transatlantic Affairs

ACADEMIC YEAR

2018-2019

SEMESTER

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COURSE TITLE

European Defence Cooperation and NATO

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NATURE OF COURSE (COMPULSORY, OPTIONAL, ELECTIVE)

(1) Optional course

(2) Elective course

ECTS CREDITS

4.5

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English

1. COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course aims to familiarise students with the key debates that European defence ministries are grappling with, and will explore the dynamic interplay between national defence policies and multilateral defence cooperation as it unfolds within NATO and the EU. After reviewing the history of defence cooperation in Europe, it will zoom in on selected topics such as the joint formulation of defence policy, the interplay between national and multilateral defence planning, military campaign design, the use of deterrence strategies and nuclear weapons, the acquisition of military capabilities (including European defence industrial aspects), training and force readiness, intelligence cooperation and the defence budgeting process. Throughout the course, reference will be made to the evolving NATO and EU policy agendas, starting from the 2016 NATO Warsaw Summit and the presentation of the EU Global Strategy.

At the end of this course, the student will be able to:

- identify current trends in international security and strategic affairs as they affect EU member states individually and the EU-NATO relationship in particular
- explain how EU member states cooperate in the context of NATO and the EU in the formulation and implementation of multilateral defence policies
- analyse NATO and European defence policies in depth, while making use of key methodological tools and the vocabulary of politico-military affairs
- communicate articulately in speaking and in writing about contemporary defence policy questions



2. LEARNING OUTCOMES

The course objectives tie in with the following learning outcomes of the programme **EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies**:

1.1 The graduate masters the most important theoretical approaches and concepts of International Relations, EU Studies and Diplomacy Studies relevant for the analysis of the role of the European Union in international affairs.

1.2 The graduate can describe, explain and illustrate the current state of scientific research in the field of EU external relations in a broad sense and is able to critically assess the results of this research.

1.3 The graduate has good knowledge of the institutional architecture and the decision-making processes in the European Union and in particular in EU external relations

1.4 The graduate has acquired insights into the political, legal and economic aspects of EU external action and can use these insights to contextualise and interpret new developments.

2.2 The graduate has the ability to critically reflect upon problems in international and European affairs, to adopt well-informed points of view and to communicate them effectively orally and in writing, whether working independently or in a team.

2.3 The graduate can independently formulate a research question within the field of European affairs, find, select and critically assess relevant sources, answer the question using typical concepts and methods and present the research results in line with the ethical rules of the discipline.

2.4 The graduate is capable of processing a large amount of information within a short period of time and to work efficiently and effectively through planning, organising, setting priorities and meeting deadlines.

2.5 The graduate has the intellectual maturity and skills to function responsibly and autonomously in a professional context at national, European or international level and the capacity of suggesting possible action that contributes to problem-solving in a creative way.

3.1 The graduate has gained a deeper understanding of security challenges as well as the role of justice and values in specific fields of EU external action.

The course objectives tie in with the following learning outcomes of the programme **Transatlantic Affairs**:

1.1 The graduate masters the most important theoretical approaches and concepts of, depending on his or her disciplinary focus, Economics, International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, Legal Studies and/or Political Science relevant for the analysis of transatlantic affairs.

1.2 The graduate can describe, explain and illustrate the current state of scientific research in the field of transatlantic affairs in a broad sense and, is, in line with his or her disciplinary focus, able to critically assess the results of this research.

1.3 The graduate has good knowledge of, depending on his or her disciplinary focus, the political and/or legal systems, the decision-making processes, the economic structures and the main internal and external policies of the European Union and the United States.

1.4 The graduate has insights into historical, political, legal and economic aspects of transatlantic affairs as well as into those policy areas that are of essential importance to transatlantic affairs. He or she can use these insights to contextualize and interpret new developments.

1.5 The graduate is able to incorporate knowledge and understanding of various fields of transatlantic affairs and of different related disciplines (such as Economics, International Relations, Legal Studies, Political Science) as well as to adopt both a European and a US perspective on transatlantic affairs.

2.2 The graduate has the ability to critically reflect upon problems regarding an extensive range of transatlantic affairs, to adopt well-informed points of view and to communicate them effectively orally and in writing, whether working independently or in a team.

2.3 The graduate can independently transform complex transatlantic issues into a research question within the broader field of transatlantic affairs and, depending on his or her disciplinary focus, find, select and



critically assess relevant sources, answer the question using appropriate concepts and methods and present the research results in line with the ethical rules of the chosen discipline.

2.4 The graduate is capable of processing a large amount of information and appropriately analyse relevant sources depending on his or her disciplinary focus within a short period of time and of suggesting possible actions that contribute to problem-solving in a creative way.

2.5 The graduate has the intellectual maturity and skills to take responsibilities and function autonomously in a professional environment at national or international level, and especially in a transatlantic context, and to work efficiently and effectively through planning, organizing, setting priorities, meeting deadlines, cooperating across cultural boundaries and networking.

3. COURSE CONTENTS

Session 1: Introduction to European defence cooperation and military power

Session 2: The history of European defence cooperation

Session 3: What everyone should know about NATO and nuclear deterrence

Session 4: National defence plans and multinational defence planning

Session 5: Defence budgeting, capability acquisition and industrial aspects

Session 6: Current challenges (i): defending Europe's eastern and southern flanks

Session 7: Current challenges (ii): domestic security and counter-terrorism

Session 8: EU-NATO relations and European armies: what's next?

Please refer to the intranet course page for access to the full course outline.

4. TEACHING METHOD

- Interactive lectures
- Oral presentation
- Individual paper assignment

5. COURSE MATERIAL

Please refer to the intranet course page for access to the detailed reading list (required and supplementary readings) and the slides.

6. EVALUATION

- Oral presentation (10%)
- Paper (30%): 2,000-2,500 words
- Written exam (60%): duration 2h, closed book (except for a language dictionary)

In case of a second-session resit, the written exam counts for 100% of the mark.

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