



ECTS CARD

STUDY PROGRAMME

European Interdisciplinary Studies, Natolin campus (Advanced Academic Master)

YEAR

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COURSE TITLE

North Atlantic Council Meetings on War in Europe

SEMESTER

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COURSE PROFESSOR(S)

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COURSE TYPE

Simulation Game

MAJOR(S)

EUW

ECTS CREDITS

no ECTS

TEACHING HOURS

8

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP STUDY TIME

TUTORIAL(S)

COEFFICIENT

not applicable

LANGUAGE(S)

EN

COURSE OBJECTIVE

This is a one day long simulation exercise which is designed to test the crisis management responses of the EU and NATO in a fictional but realistic and dynamically unfolding scenario. This scenario will contain a number of crisis incidents building progressively on each other and which require a rapid but effective response from both the EU and NATO, acting both together and separately.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Each incident will require the participants to address the following key questions:

- How do we assess the seriousness of the incident and its consequences for national security?
- Which crisis management actions need to be taken, when and by whom? How should these actions be coordinated, within borders and across borders? What are the preconditions for taking action; for instance reliable attribution of cyber attacks?
- Which organisation, the EU or NATO, should be in the lead and why?
- How should the EU and NATO work together?
- Which strategic communications strategy should we adopt in speaking to our publics and/or our potential adversaries? What are our master messages and who should deliver them
- Which lessons are we learning as we go along, reflecting what works well or badly, and which gaps, shortcomings or vulnerabilities in our crisis management processes and organisation are we identifying? What are the remedies and who is responsible for implementing them?

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION

Students should familiarise themselves with reading materials provided during and slightly prior to the simulation.

TEACHING METHOD(S)

Simulation game.

ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA

Not applicable.

COURSE CONTENTS

Scenario

This will describe a geographic area containing a number of countries, some large and some small, some resource rich and others resource poor, some with a high degree of dependency and others a high degree of economic autonomy. Some of these fictitious countries will be EU and NATO members; others will belong to only one of these two institutions; others will be adversaries of the EU and NATO. The internal political systems, economies and foreign policies of the countries will be described in the scenario as will their mutual relations (border or ethnic minority disputes, resource rivalries etc).

The scenario will also describe the one month period in the immediate run up to Startex - day one of the exercise. This will give participants the necessary political context and background.

A real ahead package outlining the scenario and giving information on the situation one month prior to Startex will be distributed to participants one week before the exercise.

The exercise

Participants will be divided into 4 syndicates before the exercise.

- 1. Group One** -EU diplomatic and military
- 2 Group Two** - EU strategic communications cell.
- 3. Group Three** - NATO diplomatic and military
- 4 Group Four** - NATO strategic communications cell.

Each group will select a chairperson to conduct the group discussions and report on the results and recommendations for action to the plenary sessions.

The groups will also elect a rapporteur responsible for noting down the main conclusions and proposals from each group discussion.

Groups One and Three will divide their groups between diplomatic and military experts.

Groups Two and Four will comprise people knowledgeable about press and media and the art of effective political communication.

COURSE MATERIALS (readings and other learning resources/tools)

Reading materials provided during and slightly prior to the simulation.