The University of Oklahoma  
College of Continuing Education  
Advanced Programs – Course Syllabus

Course Title:  
Problems in International Relations: International Security

Course Number:  
PSC 5550-221

Course Description:  
This course examines contemporary debates in the field of international security. Many of the most important issues and problems in contemporary international politics relate to the use or threat of military force, and the insecurity this threat poses to states, communities, and individuals. This course will use classic concepts and questions in the field of international security as a lens to examine issues such as humanitarian intervention, the challenge of non-proliferation, and the rise of China and its implications for the global balance of power. Class discussions will focus in particular on assessing the role military power should play in meeting U.S. foreign policy objectives.

Class Dates, Location and Hours:  
Dates: October 23-28, 2012  
Location: Lakenheath, England. See Site Director for classroom location.  
Hours: Tuesday - Friday 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: September 24, 2012

Site Director:  
Lexi Kemp. Phone: 44-1638-52-6186; DSN 226-6186; Fax: 44-1638-532827; E-mail: aplakenheath@ou.edu

Professor Contact Information:  
Course Professor: Jonathan Monten  
Mailing Address: Department of Political Science  
University of Oklahoma  
455 W. Lindsay Street  
Norman, Oklahoma 73019  
Telephone Number: (405) 325-6455  
E-mail Address: jmonten@ou.edu  
Professor availability: The professor will be available via e-mail to students before and after the class sessions. On-site office hours will be arranged at the first session.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:  
Materials posted on the OU Desire to Learn (D2L) system: Access D2L at http://learn.ou.edu; enter your OU NetID (4+4) and password, and select course to access material. Please contact your local Site Director if you require assistance.

Course objectives:  
To better familiarize students with the major concepts and debates in the field of international security, and to improve students’ ability to analyze the relationship between military power and political goals.
Schedule of Readings:

- Tuesday, October 23: Strategy and Policy in Contemporary International Security
- Wednesday, October 24: Humanitarian Intervention and Regime Change
- Friday, October 26: International Terrorism
- Saturday, October 27: Iran, Nuclear Proliferation, and the Use of Force
  - Matthew Kroenig, “Time to Attack Iran: Why a Strike is the Least Bad Option,” *Foreign Affairs* (January/February 2012).

Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:

1. **Students must attend all class sessions** for the entire period of the class. Any absence or missed time will lead to at least one letter grade penalty from the final course grade.
2. Students must complete all the assigned readings before coming to class and are expected to contribute actively in class discussion. The value of a graduate class is in the sharing of knowledge and perspective that each participant brings to the sessions.
3. Students will prepare and deliver group presentations during the Saturday session. Details for the group presentation assignment will be discussed at the beginning of class on Tuesday.
4. A final exam will be administered on Sunday, covering material from the assigned readings and class discussion.

**Grading:**

This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F. Final grades will be calculated as follows: 30% class participation; 30% group presentation; and 40% final examination.

NOTICE: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy.

Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended make the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Honesty

Honesty is a fundamental precept in all academic activities and … [you] have a special obligation to observe the highest standards of honesty. Academic misconduct in any form is inimical to the purposes and functions of the University and is therefore unacceptable and is rigorously proscribed. Academic misconduct includes:

- cheating (using unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise), plagiarism, falsification of records, unauthorized possession of examinations, intimidation, and any and all other actions that may improperly affect the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement;
- assisting others in any such act; or attempting to engage in such acts.

All acts of academic misconduct will be reported and adjudicated as prescribed by the student code of the University of Oklahoma. All students should review the “Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity” found at http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity

Accommodation Statement

The College of Continuing Education [Advanced Programs] is committed to making its activities as accessible as possible. For accommodations on the basis of disability, please contact your OU Site Director.

Course Policies

Advanced Programs policy is to order books in paperback if available. Courses, dates, and professors are subject to change. Please check with your OU Site Director. Students should retain a copy of any assignments that are mailed to the professor for the course. Advanced Programs does not provide duplicating services or office supplies.

Copyright

Any and all course materials, syllabus, lessons, lectures, etc. are the property of professor teaching the course and the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma and are protected under applicable copyright.

For more information about Advanced Programs, visit our website at: http://www.goou.ou.edu/
INSTRUCTOR VITA
Jonathan Monten

Education
PhD, Department of Government, Georgetown University

Current Positions
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, The University of Oklahoma

Frequently Taught Advanced Programs Courses
Problems in International Relations

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest
- Military intervention and democracy
- Insurgency and civil conflict
- Foreign policy attitudes

Representative Publications and Presentations
- “Republican Elites and Foreign Policy Attitudes,” Political Science Quarterly (Spring 2012).
- Does Kant Justify Liberal Intervention,” Review of Politics (Fall 2011).

Representative Honors and Awards Received
- Fellow in Global Politics, Department of Government, London School of Economics.
- Brady-Johnson Fellow in Grand Strategy, Yale University.
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University.

Major Professional Affiliations
- American Political Science Association
- International Studies Association.