BIOD-620-001: Health and Security

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Course Description:
The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the concepts, history, policy, and practice of national and global health security. Because this is a relatively new area of study, we will explore the origins of health security concepts and examine social science and scientific frameworks for health security. This course will also explore the role of diverse U.S. government agencies and international organizations in setting and implementing priorities for international health security and provides an opportunity for students to gain experience in developing and practicing interagency collaboration strategies. Through analysis of recent global health security case studies and discussions with global health leaders, the class will learn to extend academic frameworks to actionable policy recommendations. Our goal is to gain a strong understanding of the scientific and social scientific paradigms of health security and to gain experience in developing program and policy recommendations for sustainable health security systems. The course is designed to provide students with a broad understanding of health security and its importance for global public health as well as direct experience in the benefits and challenges of interagency collaboration.
Course Objectives:
1. Understanding of the history of health security and the key documents, frameworks and agreements underpinning national and global health security.
2. Familiarity with the intellectual foundations of health security as an emerging field that lies at the nexus of security and global/public health studies.
4. Familiarity with the International Health Regulations (2005), the Global Health Security Agenda, and key national and international documents for health security.
5. Understand the policy and implementation objectives for major health security stakeholders, including U.S. agencies, United Nations International Organizations, and the private sector.
6. Ability to apply scientific knowledge and social scientific theories of security studies as frameworks for understanding historical and contemporary cases.
7. Ability to write a policy document that demonstrates national and global priorities for health and security.

Format and Procedures

Methods of Instruction
This course will employ multiple formats including lectures, case studies, guest lectures, and class discussions and tabletop exercises. All required reading should be completed prior to class. The goal is to encourage discussion and interaction.

Attendance at all classes is required. Participation will be evaluated in terms of contributions to class discussion.

Assignments

Policy Briefs:
There will be four policy briefs assigned for homework throughout the semester. These policy briefs will provide an opportunity for you to synthesize reading and class material and distill information and policy recommendations into a succinct (2 pages or less) memo.

Mid-term:
The mid-term writing assignment will be based on a tabletop exercise that will be conducted during class. Each student will be assigned to represent a different government stakeholder. The class will be required to draft a joint policy recommendation. In addition, each student will draft an agency memorandum that discusses how the agency will implement the policy recommendations. Students will be required to give an oral presentation in addition to the written presentation.

Final Term Paper:
Each student will develop an original idea (thesis, and outline) relating to current or past health security events and develop the idea for a final term paper of 10-15 pages. We will discuss the term paper and topics during September. Students will be required to present their work to the class.
Writing assignments should be uploaded to Blackboard as a pdf file. The deadline is by the start of class (7:20 PM) the day the assignment is due. The file should be labeled as Your Last Name_Your First Name_Name of Assignment. **Papers should be double-spaced with 12-point font, 1-inch margins, numbered pages, and use APA style citations.**

**Grading**

Your final grade will be calculated as follows:

- Class Participation: 10%
- Midterm: Group: 15%
- Midterm: Individual (oral and written): 20%
- Homework Assignments (policy briefs): 20%
- Term Paper: Thesis: 10%
- Final Term Paper: 25%

The deadlines for all written assignments are strict and extensions will not be permitted in the absence of a genuine emergency or documented illness. **Unless a student has a documented emergency or illness, late assignments will not be accepted and will result in a grade of zero. No exceptions.**

**Course Materials**

Each week, students will be expected to discuss and draw from required readings. Required readings will be drawn from books, articles, and policy documents. All books/chapters will be available on reserve at the library.

All articles and policy documents will be available on Blackboard. Powerpoint presentations will also be posted to Blackboard.

**Required Book:**

**Recommended Books:**

University Policies & Information

Honor Code

Student members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work. Violations of the Honor Code will not be tolerated and will be referred to the Honor Committee for investigation.

Plagiarism encompasses the following:
1. Presenting as one's own the words, the work, or the opinions of someone else without proper acknowledgment.
2. Borrowing the sequence of ideas, the arrangement of material, or the pattern of thought of someone else without proper acknowledgment.

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“Ask a Librarian” http://library.gmu.edu/mudge/IM/IMRef.html

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS): (703) 993-2380; http://caps.gmu.edu

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# SYLLABUS

## Session 1: Introduction to Health and Security  
### Required Reading:  
- Elbe, Security and Global Health, Chapter 1, The Medicalization of Security in the Twenty-First Century (pp. 1-29)  
- Youde, Global Health Governance, Chapter 1 (pp. 13-25)  
- The Preamble of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, Frank P Grad (Blackboard)  

### Recommended Reading:  
- World Health Organization, Threats to Public Health Security (Chapter 2), 2007 (Blackboard)  
- Global Health Security Agenda Info Sheet (Blackboard)  

- No Class – Labor Day Holiday  
### Session 2: Pandemic Threats  
### Required Reading:  
- Elbe, Security and Global Health, Chapter 2, Microbes Take to the Sky (pp. 30-65)  
- Youde, Global Health Governance, Chapter 8, Framing Global Health Security (pp. 132-143)  

### Recommended Reading:  
- Wolfe, “The Viral Storm”, Chapter 1 (Background on microbiology)  

## Session 3: International Health Regulations  
### Required Readings:  
- Youde, Chapter 2, pp. 29-45  
- WHO International Health Regulations (2005)-(Blackboard)  
- World Health Organization, Threats to Public Health Security (Chapter 2), 2007 (Blackboard, Aug 28)  
- WHO 2007, Areas of Work for Implementation (Blackboard)  
- USG-WHO MOU-Distributed in class  
- Global Health Security Agenda Documents (Blackboard Posted Aug 28)  
- “International Health Regulations: Taking Stock”, Nutall I (Blackboard)  

### Recommended Readings:  
- “The Global Health Security Agenda in the Age of Bioterrorism”, Gostin LO (Blackboard)  

## Session 4: Health Security: Response to an Epidemic  
### Policy Brief 1 Due  
### Session 5: Inadvertent Health Threats from the Research Lab: Policy and Regulation of Gain of Function, Synthetic Biology, Accidental Release  
### Guest Speaker: TBD  

### Required Readings:  

**Recommended Readings:**

- Adaptation of Avian Flu Virus Are a Cause for Concern”, Berns et al, *SCIENCE*, 10 Feb 2012, vol 235 (pp. 60-61) (Blackboard)
- *Biolabs.usatoday.com*

**Session 6: Biological Weapons and Health Security**

**Policy Brief 2 Due**

**Tuesday, October 10**

**Required Readings:**

Elbe, Security and Global Health, Chapter 3
U.S. National Strategy For Countering Biological Threats, 2009
Carus, “The History of Biological Weapons Use: What We Know and What We Don’t”
Moudy, Ingerson-Mahar et al, “Bridging the Health Security Divide”
U.S. Department of Defense and Global Health Sept 2012, Kaiser FF

*For class: Please be prepared to provide a brief summary of the National Strategy for Countering Biological Threats, Moudy, and the Kaiser reports.*

**Session 7: Midterm Exercise**

**October 16**

**Table Top Exercise-Midterm Presentations**

**Session 8: Biosurveillance**

**Dr. Jennifer Nuzzo, UPMC Security**

**Mid Term Report Due**

**Required Readings:**

National Strategy for Biosurveillance (2012)

**Recommended:**


### Session 9: One Health/Zoonotic Disease Detection
**Guest Speaker – Dr. Cheryl Stroud, One Health Commission**

**Required Readings:**
- WHO OIE Operational Framework
- Vandermissen and Welbern, Current Initiatives in One Health
- Gronvall et al, One Health Security, An Important Component of the Global Health Security Agenda
- WHO, OIE, FAO Tripartite Concept
- Reservoir Rats, The Economist

### Session 10: U.S. Interagency Coordination for National and Global Health – Dr. Elizabeth Cameron, NTI

**Policy Brief 3 Due November 6**

**Required Readings:**
- WHO Health Security Strategy
- WHO International Health Regulations (2005)
- U.S. Global Health Security Documents

### Session 11: Border Control and Biosecurity

**Online: November 13**

**Required:**
- [http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/daily-news-analysis/single-article/biological-terrorist-attack-on-us-an-urgent-and-serious-threat/0ce6ebf3524d83c537b1f4f0cc578547.html](http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/daily-news-analysis/single-article/biological-terrorist-attack-on-us-an-urgent-and-serious-threat/0ce6ebf3524d83c537b1f4f0cc578547.html)

Sakaguchi et al Assessment of Border Control Measures and Community Containment Measures Used in Japan during the Early Stages of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009

**Skim:**

**Recommended:**
- Yu et al, Transmission Dynamics, Border Entry Screening, and School Holidays during the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Pandemic, China

### Session 12: Mass Gatherings

**Policy Brief 4 Due November 20**

Memish et al, Hajj: infectious disease surveillance and control
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- Review policy documents on Global Health Security Agenda

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- Required Reading:
  - Global health security now (commentary)
  - Gostin and Friedman, A retrospective and prospective analysis of the west African Ebola virus disease epidemic: robust national health systems at the foundation and an empowered WHO at the apex.

- Required video:
  - Frontline Ebola Series

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