PUBP 650
International Conflict and Crisis Response
Fall 2017 - Tuesdays
7:20 PM – 10:00 PM
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This course, International Conflict and Crisis Response, will be mostly theoretical in content while PUBP 651: Peace and Stabilization Operations, normally offered in the Spring, will focus more on the pragmatic - the how to - of Peace Operations.

Course Objectives

- Familiarize students with terminology and concepts of International Conflict and Crisis Response
- Help students to think systematically and analytically about International Conflict and Crisis Response
- Connect theory to practice through discussion and case studies of real events and operations

Course Requirements

Attendance and participation (15 points): Regular attendance is extremely important and absences will affect your grades and may even result in failure. Discussion is critical to student learning and to exhibit that the required reading is being completed. Should you not be able to attend a class over the course of the semester because of an unforeseen emergency, please discuss with me.

Blackboard Weekly Updates (10 points): The updates should draw-upon the material covered in the previous class and should be submitted before the next class. The first update should provide background about the conflict.

International Conflict and Crisis Response Quiz (15 points)

History and Conflict Analysis Paper (30 points)

Recommendations Memo (30 Points)

Completion of UNITAR-POCI Course will be mandatory.
Total points possible for the class: 100

Texts: The first text for this class is - Bellamy, Alex J., Paul Williams, and Stuart Griffin. 2010. Understanding peacekeeping, 2d ed. Cambridge: Polity Press.


Process: The classroom times will be used to present an overview of the topic areas and to highlight additional readings. Full lectures will be the exception rather than the norm. This class will be run as a participative seminar; we expect candid and frequent participation from every student. But remember: Emotional arguments are less meaningful than factual ones. Back up your opinions.

Correspondence Course: This semester we will be including a correspondence course from the Peace Operations Training Institute (POTI) as part of the requirements. History of UN Peacekeeping 1945-1987, by Sunil Ram, may be obtained via http://edu.peaceopstraining.org/ and will cost approximately $50. The course must be completed and a photocopy of the graded certificate turned in no later than 20 November 2014. The follow-on history courses are required in PUBP 651: Peace and Stabilization Operations. Please make sure you are using the reduced discount for “university student” page provided above, otherwise it costs about $75 more for all three courses!! If the website is asking you for an “eligibility code” it means a “student”-based question or two may have been answered incorrectly—call the Registrar at 757.253.6933 and indicate you are a Peace Ops student with us and they can fix it in their computer system.

Academic Accommodation for a Disability: If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 703-993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through the DRC.

Schar School of Policy and Government (SSPG): The profession of scholarship and the intellectual life of a university as well as the field of public policy inquiry depend fundamentally on a foundation of trust. Thus any act of plagiarism strikes at the heart of the meaning of the university and the purpose of the SSPG. It constitutes a serious breach of professional ethics and it is unacceptable.

Plagiarism is the use of another’s words or ideas presented as one’s own. It includes, among other things, the use of specific words, ideas, or frameworks that are the product of another’s work. Honesty and thoroughness in citing sources is essential to professional accountability and personal responsibility. Appropriate citation is necessary so that arguments, evidence, and claims can be critically examined.

Plagiarism is wrong because of the injustice it does to the person whose ideas are stolen. But it is also wrong because it constitutes lying to one’s professional colleagues. From a prudential perspective, it is shortsighted and self-defeating, and it can ruin a professional career.

The faculty of the SSPG takes plagiarism seriously and has adopted a zero tolerance policy. Any plagiarized assignment will receive an automatic grade of “F.” This may lead to failure for the course, resulting in dismissal from the University. This dismissal will be noted on the student’s transcript. For foreign students who are on a university-sponsored visa (e.g. F-1, J-1 or J-2), dismissal also results in the revocation of their visa.

To help enforce the SSPG policy on plagiarism, all written work submitted in partial fulfillment of course or
degree requirements must be available in electronic form so that it can be compared with electronic databases, as well as submitted to commercial services to which the School subscribes. Faculty may at any time submit student’s work without prior permission from the student. Individual instructors may require that written work be submitted in electronic as well as printed form. The SSPG policy on plagiarism is supplementary to the George Mason University Honor Code; it is not intended to replace it or substitute for it.

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