

**City University of Hong Kong  
Course Syllabus**

**offered by Department of Asian and International Studies  
with effect from Semester A 2017/18**

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**Part I Course Overview**

Course Title:	Security Studies
Course Code:	AIS5031
Course Duration:	One semester
Credit Units:	3
Level:	P5
Medium of Instruction:	English
Medium of Assessment:	English
Prerequisites: (Course Code and Title)	Nil
Precursors: (Course Code and Title)	Nil
Equivalent Courses: (Course Code and Title)	Nil
Exclusive Courses: (Course Code and Title)	Nil

## Part II Course Details

### 1. Abstract

In an uncertain world what does it mean to be secure? How can we know if we are being threatened, and what tools can we employ to understand how serious the threat is? Strategic and security studies scholars within the field of international relations have had a long-standing interest in these questions. Now, more than ever, they are address concerns of relevance to everyone.

This course is designed to provide students with an appreciation of the regional security environment. While issues of contemporary concern are given the most attention, students are also exposed to historical issues as well as the appropriate theoretical methodologies. Given the daily media coverage of these issues, it is intended that on completion of the course students will have a more detailed understanding of the way in which a diverse range of factors (such as economic issues, political events, social movements) can lead to situations of security or insecurity. This will provide them with a solid foundation from which to undertake innovative learning and discovery practices.

### 2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

*(CILOs state what the student is expected to be able to do at the end of the course according to a given standard of performance.)*

No.	CILOs	Weighting (if applicable)	Discovery-enriched curriculum related learning outcomes (please tick where appropriate)		
			A1	A2	A3
1.	Compose a detailed understanding of the challenges posed to Asia by security threats		✓	✓	✓
2.	Be able to build, modify, and use the key security theories to these challenges			✓	✓
3.	Identify how different actors create and resolve insecurities		✓	✓	
4.	Judge how regional and international institutions and networks interface to address insecurity			✓	✓
		100%			

**A1: Attitude**

*Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.*

**A2: Ability**

*Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to self-life problems.*

**A3: Accomplishments**

*Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.*

### 3. Teaching and Learning Activities (TLAs)

(TLAs designed to facilitate students' achievement of the CILOs.)

TLA	Brief Description	CILO No.					Hours/week (if applicable)
		1	2	3	4	5	
	Lectures: the instructor will present overviews of key cases and issues	√					
	Group Discussions: students will analyse weekly readings and discuss their findings		√				
	Oral presentations: Students will work in groups to lead class discussions and structured question and answer sessions on relevant topics			√			
	Research: students use relevant materials to write a paper as set by the instructor				√		
	Participation: students will engage in active learning groups to develop deeper understandings of key texts and real world challenges.					√	

### 4. Assessment Tasks/Activities (ATs)

(ATs are designed to assess how well the students achieve the CILOs.)

Assessment Tasks/Activities	CILO No.					Weighting	Remarks
	1	2	3	4	5		
Continuous Assessment: <u>100</u> %							
Presentation	√	√	√	√		30	
Participation		√	√		√	20	
Term paper		√	√	√		50	
Examination: _____% (duration: _____, if applicable)							
						100%	

## 5. Assessment Rubrics

(Grading of student achievements is based on student performance in assessment tasks/activities with the following rubrics.)

Assessment Task	Criterion	Excellent (A+, A, A-)	Good (B+, B, B-)	Fair (C+, C, C-)	Marginal (D)	Failure (F)
1. Presentation	Quality of argument Structure of individual presentation Cohesiveness of overall presentation Oral delivery Visual aids Evidence of research	Excellent structure supporting an analytical argument, individual presentation strongly supports overall presentation in answering set topic or question, clear speech, excellent use of powerpoint or similar tools to support argument, no spelling or grammatical errors, clear evidence of research (as covered in course)	Good structure and analytical argument, individual presentation supports overall presentation in answering set topic or question, clear speech, good use of powerpoint or similar tools to support argument, no spelling or grammatical errors, clear evidence of research (as covered in course)	Adequate structure mix of description and analytical argument, individual presentation could better support overall presentation in answering set topic or question, clear speech, powerpoint dominated presentation may not support argument, spelling or grammatical errors, minimal and/or non-standard research undertaken (as covered in course)	Largely descriptive presentation and/or poor structure, individual presentation does not support overall presentation in answering set topic or question, problems with oral delivery, powerpoint dominated presentation minimally supports argument, spelling or grammatical errors, minimal or non-standard research undertaken (as covered in course)	Descriptive presentation and poor structure, individual presentation does not support overall presentation in answering set topic or question, problems with oral delivery, powerpoint dominated presentation does not support argument, spelling and grammatical errors, no research evidence presented
2. Participation	Contribution to class discussions Quality of contributions attendance	Regular contributions to classroom discussions and debates, contributions show high quality analysis and/or reference reading materials and/or contemporary	Frequent contributions to classroom discussions and debates, contributions show good quality analysis and/or reference reading materials and/or contemporary	Infrequent contributions to classroom discussions and debates, contributions show some quality analysis and/or reference reading materials and/or contemporary	Minimal contributions to classroom discussions and debates, contributions show little analysis and/or reference reading materials and/or contemporary reports, 3 missed classes	Rare or no contributions to classroom discussions and debates, contributions are generic in nature with little reference to reading materials and/or contemporary reports, more than 3 missed classes

		reports, no missed classes	reports, none of one missed classes	reports, 2-3 missed classes		
3. Term paper	Quality of argument Structure of argument Evidence of research	Excellent analytical argument, Excellent use of contemporary events and theories/models, clear structure, extensive and high quality research incorporated into text, no spelling or grammatical mistakes	Good analytical argument, good use of contemporary events and theories/models, clear structure, good range and quality of research materials incorporated into text, no spelling or grammatical mistakes	Mostly descriptive argument, some use of contemporary events and theories/models, problematic structure, limited range and quality of research materials incorporated into text, no spelling or grammatical mistakes	Descriptive argument, minimal or no use of contemporary events and theories/models, unclear structure, limited range and low quality of research materials incorporated into text, some spelling or grammatical mistakes, some evidence of plagiarised text	Descriptive argument, no use of contemporary events and theories/models, unclear structure, minimal range and quality of research materials incorporated into text, frequent spelling or grammatical mistakes, substantial evidence of plagiarised text

### **Part III Other Information** (more details can be provided separately in the teaching plan)

#### **1. Keyword Syllabus**

human security, securitization, Copenhagen School, economic security, political security, narco-trafficking, human-trafficking, people smuggling, cybercrime, cyberwarfare, food security, energy security, environmental security, interventions, NATO, UN

#### **2. Reading List**

##### **2.1 Recommended Reading Text(s)**

###### ***Required Texts***

Dupont, Alan. *East Asia Imperilled: Transnational Challenges to Security*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001.

Hough, Peter. *Understanding Global Security*. London: Routledge, 2004.

###### ***Supporting Text***

Buzan, Barry, Wæver, Ole, and de Wilde Jaap. *Security: A New Framework for Analysis*. London: Lynne Rienner, 1998.

###### ***Journals and Chapters***

Mathews, J. T., 'Redefining Security' *Foreign Affairs*. (Vol. 68 No. 2, 1989), pp. 162-177.

Baldwin, D. A., 'The Concept of Security' *Review of International Studies*. (Vol. 23 No. 1, 1997), pp. 5-26.

Annan, Kofi A., 'Two Concepts of Sovereignty', *The Economist*. (No. 352, 18 September 1999), pp. 49-50, <<http://www.un.org/News/oss/sg/stories/kaecon.html>>.

Freedman, L., 'International Security: Changing Targets', *Foreign Policy*. (No. 110, 1998), pp. 48-63.

Krause, K. and M. C. Williams, 'Broadening the Agenda of Security Studies: Politics and Methods', *International Studies Quarterly*. (Vol. 40, 1996), pp. 229-254.

Rothschild, E., 'What Is Security?', *Daedalus*. (Vol. 124 No. 3, 1995), pp. 53-98.

Ullman, R. H., 'Redefining Security', *International Security*. (Vol. 8 No. 1, 1983), pp. 129-153.

Kahler, Miles. 'Economic security in an era of globalization: definition and provision', *The Pacific Review*, (Vol. 17 No. 4 2004), pp. 485-502.

UNDP. *New Dimensions of Human Security*. 1994 Human Development Report, <<http://hdr.undp.org/reports/global/1994/en/>>.

Warr, Peter. 'Poverty and Growth in Southeast Asia', *ASEAN Economic Bulletin*. (Vol. 23 No. 3, December 2006), pp. 279-202.

Nichiporuk, Brian, Clifford Grammich, Angel Rabasa and Julie DaVanzo. 'Demographics and Security in Maritime Southeast Asia', *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*. (Vol. 7 No. 1, Winter 2006). pp.83-91

*Final Report of the Commission on Human Security*, <<http://www.humansecurity-chs.org/finalreport/>>.

Zakaria, Fareed, 'The Rise of Illiberal Democracy', *Foreign Affairs*, (Vol. 76 No.6 Nov/Dec97), pp. 22-43.

Lee, June. 'Human Trafficking in East Asia: Current Trends, Data Collection, and Knowledge Gaps', *International Migration*. (Vol. 3 No. 1/2, 2005), pp. 165-201.

- Lee, M. 'Understanding Human Trafficking' in Lee (ed.), *Human Trafficking*. (Cullompton, Willan, 2007), pp. 1-25.
- Skeldon, Ronald. 'Trafficking: A Perspective from Asia', *International Migration*. (Special Issue 2000/1), pp. 7-30.
- Emmers, Ralf. *Globalization and Non-Traditional Security Issues: A Study of Human and Drug Trafficking in East Asia*. IDSS working paper. No. 62. (Singapore: Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, March 2004).
- Dziedzic, M. 'The Transnational Drug Trade and Regional Security', *Survival*. (Vol. 31 No.6, November/December 1989).
- Lee, Rensselaer. 'Global reach: The threat of international drug trafficking', *Current History*. (Vol. 94 No. 592, May 1995), pp. 207-211.
- Contreras, Antonio. 'Civil Society, Environmental Security and Knowledge: Forest Governance in Thailand and the Philippines in the Context of ASEAN', *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics*. (Vol. 4, 2004), pp. 179-193.
- Eckersley, Robyn. 'Ecological Intervention: Prospects and Limits', *Ethics & International Affairs*. (Vol. 21 No. 3, Fall 2007), pp. 293-316.
- Lukin, Artyom. 'Environmental Security of Northeast Asia: A Case of the Russian Far East', *Asian Affairs: an American Review*. (Vol. 34 No. 1, Spring 2007), pp. 23-35.
- Starr, Joyce. 'Water Wars', *Foreign Policy*. (Spring 1991), pp. 17-36.
- Jaffe, Amy Myers and Steven W. Lewis. 'Beijing's Oil Diplomacy', *Survival*. (Vol.44 No.1, Spring 2002), pp. 115-134.
- Gawdat Bahgat. 'Oil Security at the Turn of the Century: Economic and Strategic Implications', *International Relations*. (Vol. 14, No. 6, 1999), pp. 41-52
- Lall, Marie. 'Indo-Myanmar Relations in the Era of Pipeline Diplomacy', *Contemporary Southeast Asia*. (Vol. 28 No. 3, 2006), pp. 424-46.
- Caballero-Anthony, Mely. 'SARS in Asia', *Asian Survey*. (Vol. 45, Issue 3, 2005), pp. 475-495.
- Singer, Peter, 'AIDS and International Security', *Survival*. (Vol.44 No.1, Spring 2002), pp.145-158.
- Chow, Jack C. 'Health and International Security', *The Washington Quarterly*. (Vol. 19 No.2, Spring 1996).
- Csonka, Peter. 'The Council of Europe Convention on Cyber Crime: A Response to the Challenge of the New Age', in Broadhurst, Roderick and Grabosky, Peter (eds.) *Cyber Crime: The Challenge in Asia*. (Hong Kong; Hong Kong University Press, 2005), pp. 303-326.
- Ortis, Cameron and Evans, Paul. 'The Internet and Asia-Pacific Security: old conflicts and new behaviour', *The Pacific Review*. (Vol 16 No.4, 2003) pp. 549-570.
- Walden, Ian. 'Crime and Security in Cyberspace', *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*. (Vol. 18 No. 1, April 2005), pp. 51-68.
- Cotton, James. 'The Proliferation Security Initiative and North Korea: Legality and Limitations of a Coalition Strategy', *Security Dialogue*. (Vol. 36 No. 2, 2005), pp. 193-211.
- Elden, Stuart. 'Contingent Sovereignty, Territorial Integrity and the Sanctity of Borders', *SAIS Review*. (Vol. 26 No. 1, Winter 2006), pp. 11-24.

Moore, Jonathan. 'Deciding Humanitarian Intervention', *Social Research*. (Vol. 74 No. 1, Spring 2007), pp. 169-200.

***Online Resources:***

Such resources will be used to provide students with key policy statements or official documents, such as:

Annan, Kofi A., 'Two Concepts of Sovereignty', *The Economist*. (No. 352, 18 September 1999), pp. 49-50, <<http://www.un.org/News/ossg/sg/stories/kaecon.html>>.

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*Final Report of the Commission on Human Security*, <<http://www.humansecurity-chs.org/finalreport/>>.

United States, State Department. *Trafficking in Persons Report*. June 2009. Available online at <<http://www.state.gov/g/tip/rls/tiprpt/2009/>>.