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Foundations of Modern Security

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General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

Admission to GradCertIntell or GradCertIntSecStud or GradCertPICT

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

As a multidisciplinary field, security studies has broadened and deepened its area of academic analysis since the end of the Cold War. This unit serves to introduce students to the core concepts and methods employed in this field, as well as key critical debates and theoretical approaches. It uses the concept of 'modern security' to critically examine a wide range of differing modes of academic discourse relating to domestic and international security challenges. While presenting a historical and thematic account of approaches to modern security, the unit examines the complexity of security within the globalised world, presenting and contrasting Australian, regional and international perspectives.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the often intimate and complex relationship between the political, economic, military, social and cultural spheres of human security in the context of globalisation.

Critique and evaluate major security and geopolitical trends associated with globalisation

to an advanced level

Evaluate the significance and relevance of information, and to integrate and synthesise information and represent it in an accurate and fully attributed manner to an advanced level.

Deliver high quality written work that is clear, concise, coherent and logically structured, and that reflects a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter.

Demonstrate an advanced capability to develop and effectively communicate a reasoned, balanced persuasive and original perspective whilst being cognisant of different social and cultural perspective associated with the complex phenomena of globalisation.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
Research Essay	50%	End of Week 11
Critique	30%	End of Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9
Quiz	20%	End of Weeks 2 to 11

Research Essay

Due: **End of Week 11**

Weighting: **50%**

The 3000 words Research Essay allows students to develop core disciplinary knowledge, enhance research skills, show effective written communication skills, and demonstrate originality and critical thinking.

The Essay should flow logically from introduction to evidence to conclusion, should reflect wide readings across a diverse body of academic literature and should demonstrate critical analysis and objectivity.

The Essay will be marked as per a set assessment criteria with focus on topic comprehension, argument, written expression, referencing, structure and organization. For details of this criteria see the marking template in the ilearn.

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Critique

Due: **End of Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9**

Weighting: **30%**

Preparation of a 500 words Critique in Weeks 3, 5, 7 and 9 of one relevant article in the corresponding week is intended to encourage independent research and demonstrate a capacity to find, synthesise and critically evaluate information relevant to specific topics or issues. The Critique should demonstrate précis of the key arguments of the article and critical evaluation of the article's merits (strengths/weaknesses).

A detailed marking matrix is available to all enrolled students on the unit iLearn site. Marking criteria in the marking matrix includes evaluation of the Critique.

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Quiz

Due: **End of Weeks 2 to 11**

Weighting: **20%**

The weekly Quizzes are intended to give students an opportunity to explore in details the issues covered in the Unit and to develop a deeper understanding of the subject matter. Given the nature of the Quizzes students will develop effective interpretative and analytical skills.

Participation in the Quizzes demonstrates continuous constructive engagement from Weeks 2 to Week 11. The Quizzes will be marked as per the set question response.

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Delivery and Resources

UNIT REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

* You should spend an average of 12 hours per week on this unit. This includes listening to lectures prior to seminar or tutorial, reading weekly required materials as detailed in iLearn, and preparing assessments.

* Internal students are expected to attend all seminar or tutorial sessions, and external students are expected to make significant contributions to on-line activities.

* In most cases students are required to attempt and submit all major assessment tasks in order to pass the unit.

REQUIRED READINGS

* The citations for all the required readings for this unit are available to enrolled students through the unit iLearn site, and at Macquarie University's library site. Electronic copies of required readings may be accessed through the library or will be made available by other means.

TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

* Computer and internet access are essential for this unit. Basic computer skills and skills in word processing are also a requirement. * This unit has an online presence. Login is via: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>

* Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile devices alone are not sufficient.

SUBMITTING ASSESSMENT TASKS

* All text-based assessment tasks are to be submitted, marked and returned electronically. This will only happen through the unit iLearn site.

* Assessment tasks must be submitted as a MS word document by the due date.

* Most assessment tasks will be subject to a 'Turnitin' review as an automatic part of the submission process.

* The granting of extensions of up to one week are at the discretion of the unit convener or nominated delegate such as a tutor. Any requests for extensions must be before the due date for the submission of the assessment task. Extensions beyond one week are subject to the university's Disruptions Policy

LATE SUBMISSION OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

* If an assignment is submitted late, 5% of the available mark will be deducted for each day (including weekends) the paper is late.

* For example, if a paper is worth 20 marks, 1 mark will be deducted from the grade given for each day that it is late (i.e. a student given 15/20 who submitted 4 days late will lose 4 marks = 11/20).

* The same principle applies if an extension is granted and the assignment is submitted later than the amended date.

WORD LIMITS FOR ASSESSMENT TASKS

* Stated word limits include footnotes and footnoted references, but not bibliography, or title page.

* Word limits can generally deviate by 10% either over or under the stated figure.

* If the number of words exceeds the limit by more than 10%, then penalties will apply. These penalties are 5% of the awarded mark for every 100 words over the word limit. If a paper is 300 words over, for instance, it will lose $3 \times 5\% = 15\%$ of the total mark awarded for the assignment. This percentage is taken off the total mark, i.e. if a paper was graded at a credit (65%) and was 300 words over, it would be reduced by 15 marks to a pass (50%).

* The application of this penalty is at the discretion of the course convener.

REASSESSMENT OF ASSIGNMENTS DURING THE SEMESTER

* Macquarie University operates a Grade Appeal Policy in cases where students feel their work

was graded inappropriately.

Unit Schedule

See details in the iLearn

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

New Assessment Policy in effect from Session 2 2016 http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy_2016.html. For more information visit http://students.mq.edu.au/events/2016/07/19/new_assessment_policy_in_place_from_session_2/

Assessment Policy prior to Session 2 2016 <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy prior to Session 2 2016 <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint_management/procedure.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

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Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should

have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

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