

## Course Outline

<b>Course number</b>	<b>RBB179</b>				
<b>Course title</b>	<b>Crisis Management in International Politics</b>				
<b>Credit points</b>	3 ECTS (2 LV)				
<b>Total hours</b>	80				
<b>Lecture hours</b>	16 hours (8 classes)				
<b>Seminar and other hours</b>	16 hours (8 classes)				
<b>Course level</b>	Bachelor, Y2				
<b>Prerequisites</b>	General knowledge of the post-WWII history.				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Mandatory</b>	<b>x</b>	Restricted elective		Free elective

### COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Gunda Reire	Dr.sc.pol.	Visiting professor

### COURSE ABSTRACT

The main goal of this course is to give students an understanding of the most important aspects and dynamics in conflict and crisis management in international politics as one of the central problems of international security in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. During this course, we will address debates on issues such as traditional and non-traditional threats, tools and strategies of conflict resolution, the effectiveness of deterrence, the impact of international organisations on conflict management, and others. This course will cover major theories of international relations and boost students' ability to apply theoretical concepts in integrated empirical analysis.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course has the following main objectives:

#### Knowledge:

1. By the end of the course, students are expected to be familiar with the major international relations theories and international security concepts and their reflection on the central problematics and conflicts of international security in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
2. Students will understand the causes of conflict and the conditions for peace, the complexity of traditional and non-traditional threats, dilemmas in international security.
3. Students will have expanded knowledge on current conflicts and wars and possibilities and limitations of international response.

#### Skills:

1. During the course, students' skills to synthesize theoretical approaches with empirical facts and ability to assess the complexity and causality of international conflicts will be trained.
2. Academic discourse skills and academic text strategies will be trained during academic discussions, and development of coherent argument will be trained during specific practical assignments.
3. The course will enable students to develop interpretations and responses to international security issues systematically.

**Competencies:**

1. Students will improve the ability to interpret current developments in international security environment, to historicize those categories in a competent and context-rich way and analyse international conflict and stability issues in a broad historical and theoretical framework.
2. Students will be able to critically analyse issues related to conflict and crisis management both from theoretical and empirical perspective.
3. In the course papers and final exam, students will demonstrate their original academic work and will be encouraged to come forth with original and argument-based conclusions and ideas for solutions to existing problematics in international security environment.

**GRADING CRITERIA**

<b><i>Criteria</i></b>	<b><i>Weighting</i></b>
Activity and preparedness during seminars	20%
Mid-term exam	20%
Presentation and paper	30%
Final exam	30%

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

- Attendance
- Activity and preparedness during seminars
- Mid-term exam
- Presentation and paper
- Final exam