



Course Outline

Course number	RBB180					
Course title	International Security					
Credit points	3 ECTS (2 LV)					
Total hours	80					
Contact hours	32					
Independent studies	48					
Course level	Bachelor					
Prerequisites	None					
Category	Mandatory	x	Restricted elective		Free elective	

COURSE RESPONSIBLE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Mārtiņš Hiršs	PhD	Lecturer

COURSE TEACHERS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Academic degree</i>	<i>Academic position</i>
Mārtiņš Hiršs	PhD	Lecturer
Katrīna Marija Sitniece	MSSc	Lecturer

COURSE ABSTRACT

This course covers theoretical, practical and interdisciplinary approaches to one of the major sub-fields in international relations: international security. During this course students will learn various tools for analysing security and organised violence from individual, national, regional and global perspectives. In practical exercises students will learn to implement these tools and improve their analytical skills.

GRADING CRITERIA

Criteria	Weighting
Conflict negotiation simulation	25%
Presentation / Participation	25%
Final assignment	25%
Exam	25%

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to attend all classes in person. Students are expected to actively participate in the seminars. Students` participation will be evaluated based on discussions on read-at-home materials provided. Students must be present at the Conflict resolution simulation game (it makes up 25% of the grade) as well as presentation on Baltic Security when they have to present it (25% of the grade). In exceptional circumstances when a student is unable to attend the simulation or presentation, student must contact the Lecturer in advance. Each case will be addressed individually. Students also must submit a written assignment by the end of the course (25% of the grade) and take a final exam. Failure to fulfil any of these requirements will result in failing final grade.

The final exam will cover the full scope of the subject matter covered in the course. The exam will be an in-class closed book exam with several questions to be answered within the set time limit of 2 hours. The exam will be evaluated on the basis of knowledge provided during the course.

COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS

No.	Main subjects	Planned hours
1	Security concepts within international relations and conflict studies	20
2	Baltic Security	10
3	Practical exercise – Conflict negotiation simulation game	2