

# Course Calendar for POLS 3361 International Security Spring 2021 Online

Note: All specified times are Mountain Standard Time (MST)  
Complete readings and asynchronous lecture content prior to taking quizzes, exams, and participating in discussion boards.

## Week 1, January 19 -- 24

Module 1 -- Introductions to the course and topic of insecurity (asynchronous content)

- Readings: CW Chapters 1 & 10; BRH Chapter 3
- Lecture Slides (PPT), videos, and other clips

Synchronous Sessions for Week 1 in Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours.
  - Thursday, at 2:00 am – 3:00 pm (will be recorded) -- Discussion and Q/A on Introduction to the course and Module 1

Assignments for Week 1:

1. Quizzes based on content from this week are scheduled for early in week 2 to allow everyone to join the course, review the syllabus and research paper guidelines, and purchase/read the textbook chapters.
2. No Discussion Board for this week to allow for everyone to get on the same page

## Week 2, January 25 -- 31

Modules 1 & 2 -- Introductions to the course and topic of insecurity (asynchronous content) and Conventional Conflicts and Interstate War

- Review/catch-up with Module 1 readings
- Readings: CW Chapter 2 in Module 2
- Lecture Slides (PPT), videos, and other clips related to both modules 1 and 2

Synchronous Sessions for Week 2 in Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours.
  - TBD based on survey

Assignments for Week 2:

1. **Syllabus and Research Paper Guidelines quiz:** Due Monday, January 25, 11:59 pm – counts in quiz grade average

2. Discussion Board Questions Module 1, due Wednesday, January 27, 11:59 pm
3. Quiz on Module 1 due Friday, January 29, 11:59 pm

## Week 3, February 1 -- February 7

### Module 2 -- Conventional Conflicts and Interstate War (asynchronous content)

- Review/catch-up with Module 2 readings, CW Chapter 2
- Lecture Slides (PPT), videos, and other clips related module 2

### Synchronous Sessions for Week 3 in Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours.
  - TBD based on survey

### Assignments for Week 3:

1. Discussion Board Questions Module 2, due Wednesday, February 3, 11:59 pm
2. Quiz on Module 2 due Friday, February 5, 11:59 pm

## Week 4, February 8 – 14

### Module 3 -- Terrorism (asynchronous content)

- Readings, CW Chapter 5, BRH Chapter 8
- Lecture Slides (PPT), videos, and other clips related module 3

### Synchronous Sessions for Week 4 in Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours.
  - TBD based on survey

### Assignments for Week 4:

1. Discussion Board Questions Module 3, due Saturday, February 13, 11:59 pm

## Week 5, February 15 -- 21

### Module 3 -- Terrorism (asynchronous content)

- Readings: Review CW Chapter 5, BRH Chapter 8
- Lecture Slides (PPT), videos, and other clips related module 3

### Synchronous Sessions for Week 5 in Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours.
  - TBD based on survey

### Assignments for Week 5:

1. Quiz on Module 3 due Wednesday, February 17, 11:59 pm
2. Exam 1 due, Sunday, February 21, 11:59 pm – exam includes modules 1 through 3

## Week 6, February 22 -- 28

### Module 4 -- State Violence and Civil War I (asynchronous content)

- Readings: BRH Chapters 4, 5, & 6
- Lecture Slides (PPT), videos, and other clips related module 4

### Synchronous Sessions for Week 6 in Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours.
  - TBD based on survey

### Assignments for Week 6:

1. Discussion Board Questions Module 4, due Friday, February 26, 11:59 pm
2. Quiz on Module 4 due Sunday, February 28, 11:59 pm

## Week 7, March 1 – March 7

### Module 5 -- State Violence and Civil War II (asynchronous content)

- Readings: BRH Chapters 7, 10, & 11
- Lecture Slides (PPT), videos, and other clips related module 5

### Synchronous Sessions for Week 7 in Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours.
  - TBD based on survey

### Assignments for Week 7:

1. Discussion Board Questions Module 5, due Friday, March 5, 11:59 pm

## Week 8, March 8 – March 14

### Module 6 – Discussions about research project (asynchronous content)

- Lecture Slides (PPT), videos, and other clips provided by the instructor and the librarians

### Synchronous Sessions for Week 8 in Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours.
  - TBD based on survey

### Assignments for Week 8:

1. Quiz on Module 5 due Monday, March 8, 11:59 pm

## Week 9, March 22 -- 28

### Module 7 -- Human Security I (asynchronous content)

- Readings: CW Chapters 11 & 12
- Lecture Slides (PPT), videos, and other clips related module 7

### Synchronous Sessions for Week 9 in Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours.
  - TBD based on survey

### Assignments for Week 9:

1. Discussion Board Questions Module 7, due Saturday, March 27, 11:59 pm
2. Quiz on Module 7 due Sunday, March 28, 11:59 pm

## Week 10, March 29 – April 4

### Module 8 -- Human Security II (asynchronous content)

- Readings: CW Chapters 13 & 7
- Lecture Slides (PPT), videos, and other clips related module 8

### Synchronous Sessions for Week 10 in Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours.
  - TBD based on survey

### Assignments for Week 10:

1. Discussion Board Questions Module 8, due Thursday, April 1, 11:59 pm

## Week 11, April 5 – April 11

### Module 8 & 9 – Human Security II & Nuclear Weapons and Security (asynchronous content)

- Readings: CW Chapter 3
- Lecture Slides (PPT), videos, and other clips related module 9

### Synchronous Sessions for Week 11 in Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours.
  - TBD based on survey

### Assignments for Week 11:

1. Quiz on Module 8 due Monday, April 5, 11:59 pm
2. Exam 2 due, Wednesday, April 7, 11:59 pm – exam includes modules 4, 5, 7, and 8
3. Discussion Board Questions Module 9, due Sunday, April 11, 11:59 pm

## Week 12, April 12 – April 18

Module 9 & 10 – Nuclear Weapons and Security and Nuclear Weapons Proliferation (asynchronous content)

- Readings: CW Chapter 3
- Lecture Slides (PPT), videos, and other clips related module 9 and 10

Synchronous Sessions for Week 12 in Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours.
  - TBD based on survey

Assignments for Week 12:

1. Quiz on Module 9 due Monday, April 12, 11:59 pm
2. Discussion Board Questions Module 10, due Thursday, April 15, 11:59 pm
3. Quiz on Module 10, due Sunday, April 18, 11:59 pm

## Week 13, April 19 – April 25

Module 11 – Chemical and Biological Weapons Proliferation (asynchronous content)

- Readings: CW Chapter 3
- Lecture Slides (PPT), videos, and other clips related module 11

Synchronous Sessions for Week 13 in Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours.
  - TBD based on survey

Assignments for Week 13:

1. Discussion Board Questions Module 11, due Friday, April 23, 11:59 pm
2. Quiz on Module 11, due Sunday, April 25, 11:59 pm

## Week 14, April 26 – May 2

Module 12 – Emergent Security Issues – Cyber Insecurity, Transnational Crime Networks (asynchronous content)

- Readings: CW Chapters 8 & 9
- Lecture Slides (PPT), videos, and other clips related module 12

Synchronous Sessions for Week 14 in Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours.
  - TBD based on survey

Assignments for Week 14:

1. Discussion Board Questions Module 12, due Friday, April 30, 11:59 pm

2. Quiz on Module 12, due Sunday, May 2, 11:59 pm

## Week 15, May 3 – May 9

### Module 13 – Forecasting Instability and Recent Conflicts (asynchronous content)

- Readings: BRH Chapters 13, 15, & 16
- Lecture Slides (PPT), videos, and other clips related module 13

### Synchronous Sessions for Week 15 in Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

- Cyber Café Discussion Time and Office Hours.
  - TBD based on survey

### Assignments for Week 15:

1. Quiz on Module 13, due Sunday, May 9, 11:59 pm

## Week 16, May 10 – May 14 Final Exam Week:

This exam is cumulative by drawing on topics from earlier exams already covered and all the modules. Due, May 12, Wednesday, May 12, 11:59 pm