

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## POL 370: Understanding International Security

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 08 - Global Perspective

This course highlights a series of traditional and non-traditional security issues that have emerged on the Security Studies agenda. The course begins with traditional security concerns such as the threat and use of force, and then moves to the non-traditional issues that have emerged as the subject area has expanded. Same as INTL 370. MnTC Goal 8.

### B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/24/2009 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Defining the concept of security; approaches to studying
2. Collective security; use of force, challenge of prevention, humanitarian intervention
3. Arms control and proliferation, disarmament; nuclear weapons free zones
4. Regional security systems
5. State responses to political non-state violence.
6. Economic instruments and collective security.

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Students will understand the historical development of the discourse in international security.
2. Students will assess the theoretical, historical, and scientific explanations for international conflict.
3. Students will evaluate the capabilities of military power generally and as an instrument of policy.
4. Students will understand the sources of conflict and cooperation in the international system.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 08 - Global Perspective

1. Describe and analyze political, economic, and cultural elements which influence relations of states and societies in their historical and contemporary dimensions.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of cultural, social, religious and linguistic differences.
3. Analyze specific international problems, illustrating the cultural, economic, and political differences that affect their solution.
4. Understand the role of a world citizen and the responsibility world citizens share for their common global future.

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

**G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted