

**ADDENDUM to Course and Curriculum Changes
to be considered at the College of Arts and Sciences
faculty meeting on April 14, 2005**

COURSE CHANGES

Department of History

ADD: **HIST 812/POLSC 812. Foundations of Security Studies.** (3) In alternate semesters. An interdisciplinary introduction to the major historical developments and scholarly approaches in the fields of military history, international relations, and security studies.

RATIONALE: This course, designed to introduce students to the major literature in the field, will be the introductory course in the new master's degree in Security Studies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2006

ADD: **HIST 815/POLSC 815. Research Design and Methodology in Security Studies.** (3) In alternate semesters. An exploration of rigorous interdisciplinary methods in history and political science culminating in a piece of original research in Security Studies. Pr.: HIST 812/POLSC 812.

RATIONALE: This course is the capstone course in the new master's degree in Security Studies; its objective is the production of a piece of original research. Students will study and integrate the methods and procedures of research in both history and political science.

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ADD: **HIST 850. History and Security: East Asia.** (3) In alternate years. An examination of the major historical problems and literature relating to national and international security in East Asia. Pr.: HIST 801 or HIST 812/POLSC 812 or concurrent enrollment.

RATIONALE: A central part of the new graduate degrees in Security Studies is the study of the history of regions of central importance to international affairs. Two such courses are required in the master's degree; the courses may be elected in the doctoral program.

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ADD: **HIST 851. History and Security: Latin America.** (3) In alternate years. An examination of the major historical problems and literature relating to national and international security in Latin America. Pr.: HIST 801 or HIST 812/POLSC 812 or concurrent enrollment.

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ADD: **HIST 852. History and Security: the Middle East.** (3) In alternate years. An examination of the major historical problems and literature relating to national and international security in the Middle East. Pr.: HIST 801 or HIST 812/POLSC 812 or concurrent enrollment.

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ADD: **HIST 853. History and Security: Russia/Central Asia.** (3) In alternate years. An examination of the major historical problems and literature relating to national and international security in Russian and Central Asia. Pr.: HIST 801 or HIST 812/POLSC 812 or concurrent enrollment.

RATIONALE: A central part of the new graduate degrees in Security Studies is the study of the history of regions of central importance to international affairs. Two such courses are required in the master's degree; the courses may be elected in the doctoral program.

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ADD: **HIST 911. Historical Approaches to Security.** (3) In alternate semesters. Examination of theories and approaches to military history and the history of international relations. Pr.: Doctoral standing.

RATIONALE: This course is the first course in the required "historical research sequence" in the proposed Ph.D. program in Security Studies. It aims to give students a sense of the range and possibilities of dissertation-level research in security studies and related fields. In addition, by exposing them to a broad range of literature, it will suggest new and alternative approaches to those they may have considered in the past.

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ADD: **HIST 912. Historical Methods in Security Studies.** (3) In alternate semesters. Training in primary-source research in military history, foreign policy, and international relations. Pr.: Doctoral standing.

RATIONALE: This course is the second course in the required "historical research sequence" in the proposed Ph.D. program in Security Studies. It aims to train students in the techniques and practices of archival and primary source research in military history and international relations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2006

School of Journalism and Mass Communications

CHANGE: **MC 500. Advanced News and Feature Writing.** (3) I, II. Intensive course emphasizing reportorial principles and practices. Students serve as reporters for the Kansas State Collegian, writing for an audience of 20,000 readers daily. Pr.: MC 440 with grade of C or better.

TO: **MC 300. Advanced News and Feature Writing.** (3) I, II. Intensive course emphasizing reportorial principles and practices. ~~Students serve as reporters for the Kansas State Collegian, writing for an audience of 20,000 readers daily.~~ Pr.: MC 200 with grade of C or better.

RATIONALE: The original green sheets kept the "Students serve..." sentence, but the sentence should actually be omitted from the description.

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2005

Department of Political Science

ADD: **POLSC 812. Fundamentals of Security.** (3) II. Provides an introduction and foundation to Security Studies for beginning masters students. It is intended to serve as a grounding in the major historical developments and scholarly approaches in the fields of military history, international relations, and security studies. Pr.: graduate status.

RATIONALE: This course is required for a new interdisciplinary MA program in Security Studies.

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ADD: **POLSC 813. International Security.** (3) II. Surveys traditional issues in the study of international security such as the causes of war, the utility of deterrence, coercion, and engagement, international intervention, and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Attention will also be placed on security and conflict in important regional setting, such as East Asia and the Middle East. Pr.: graduate status.

RATIONALE: The course is required for a new interdisciplinary MA program in Security Studies.

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ADD: **POLSC 814. Terrorism and Transnational Security Issues. (3) II.** Introduction to the general aspects of terrorism and counter-terrorism in order to build transnational security. The course examines these issues in terms of forms, causal factors, goals, and consequences. The main objective is to understand terrorism s part of new international security issues such as failed states, environmental degradation, demographic explosion and poverty, conflict in developing world, post-conflict reconstruction, income distribution, humanitarian emergencies, and globalization. Pr.: graduate status.

RATIONALE: The course is part of a new interdisciplinary MA program in Security Studies.

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ADD: **POLSC 815. Research and Methodology. (3) I.** This capstone course introduces students in Security Studies to a rigorous interdisciplinary research in history and political science. The goal is to learn and integrate the methods and procedures of both discipline in a systematic way. Pr.: graduate status.

RATIONALE: The course is part of a new interdisciplinary MA program in Security Studies.

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ADD: **POLSC 900. Advanced Research Methods I. (3) II.** The first of a two-course methods sequence in security studies. Surveys the role of theory, hypotheses testing, operationalization and measurement, and research design in social science. Case study and historical methods will be given particular attention. Students will also be provided with a brief introduction to quantitative social science analysis. Pr.: admission to PhD program.

RATIONALE: The course is required for a new interdisciplinary PhD program in Security Studies.

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ADD: **POLSC 901. Advanced Research Methods II. (3)** The course is the second in the sequence of two method courses in security studies. It emphasized quantitative analysis in political science and covers regression analysis, violation of regression assumptions, and logit models. The course also introduces students to time series, decision theory, and game theory. Pr.: POLSC 900.

RATIONALE: The course is part of the new MA and PhD programs in Security Studies.

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CURRICULUM CHANGES

Departments of History and Political Science

ADD: Master of Arts in Security Studies

This is a rigorous, interdisciplinary program intended for career professionals in the military and international affairs. It will be a professional degree providing a broad, analytical perspective on security issues.

Coursework will concentrate on issues of strategy, politics, economics, and society from both historical and social science perspectives. Although this is a professional MA, its focus will be on issues complementing those emphasized in the military's professional training.

- Course requirements

Course requirements will consist of 30 hours of graduate-level work, up to 12 hours of which may be transfer credit from other graduate-level work. The masters program's admissions committee will evaluate the

suitability of transfer credits. The remaining hours will consist of 18 hours of required courses and additional graduate-level electives as needed to total 30 hours.

- Required course: Fundamentals of Security (3 hours)--Hist 812 / Poli Sci 812

This course will introduce students to major themes covered in the new MA. It is designed to provide students with foundations for the MA's four core courses. It must be completed before enrolling in the core courses, typically in the summer before beginning the program proper. Its content will be largely the same from year to year, though individual instructors may tailor it to some degree. Students will read key texts on international security, military history, and strategy, as well as works on the theory and research practice of history and political science. They will write essays on the assigned readings, participate in on-line synchronous and asynchronous discussions, and compose a final paper or take a final exam on the issues raised by the course.

- Required courses: History and Security of Pivotal Regions (6 hours)

Students will take at least two courses on the history of regions of central importance to international affairs. These courses may focus on East Asia (Hist 850), Latin America (Hist 851), the Middle East (Hist 852), Russia and Central Asia (Hist 853), or Sub-Saharan Africa.

- Required courses: International Security and Transnational Security (6 hours)--Poli Sci 813 and Poli Sci 814

Political Science will offer two courses. "International Security" will focus on traditional issues of the causes of war, deterrence, the relevance/role of international institutions, arms proliferation, the politics of international intervention, and conflict resolution. The second, "Terrorism and Transnational Security," will cover security issues that have been given increasing emphasis over recent years. Examples include the unique context of security problems in the developing world, demographic developments and internal/external conflict, environmental issues and their relation to security, economic globalization and security, post-conflict reconstruction, and humanitarian emergencies.

- Required course: Capstone Research Course (3 hours) Hist 815 / Poli Sci 815

The capstone course will allow students to synthesize knowledge acquired in the core and other MA courses. In the first third of the course, students will review basic readings on research design and methodology from the disciplines of history and political science introduced in the core courses. They will provide response essays on the readings and participate in synchronous and asynchronous discussions of the works with classmates and the instructor. The remaining two-thirds of the course will be devoted to the production of a publishable quality research paper of roughly 30-35 pages in length.

- Course delivery and flexible scheduling

The new MA degree is designed with maximum flexibility in its course offerings, and is intended to be attainable within one calendar year of full-time study while maintaining academic standards in accord with existing MA degrees in History and Political Science. It will make maximum use of web-based, evening, and summer courses to provide this flexibility.

- Committees

Each student will be supervised by a masters committee consisting of three members of the Security Studies graduate faculty. As in any graduate program, adjunct professors are eligible to serve on committees.

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ADD: Ph.D Program in Security Studies

This is a rigorous, interdisciplinary program intended to prepare its students for careers in research, teaching, and international affairs through a broad exploration of issues relating to international security. Many students will already have a Master of Arts in Security Studies from Kansas State, but this is not required. Students with other relevant masters degrees may apply to the Ph.D program directly.

- **Ph.D coursework**

The Ph.D degree will require 90 hours of course work. Up to 30 hours from a previous masters degree may be counted towards these 90 hours. The Ph.D committee will judge the suitability and applicability of the previous credits. An additional 30 hours of those 90 will be research hours towards the dissertation. The remaining coursework to reach the total of 90 hours will include 15 hours of required courses. The required courses consist of:

1. The Historical Research Sequence. This sequence consists of two courses of three hours each. The first (Hist 911) will study various approaches to the history of security, international relations, and military affairs. The second will be a methodology course in the theory and concrete practice of historical research in security studies (Hist 912).
2. The Political Research Sequence. This sequence also consists of two courses. The first, Research Design and Qualitative Methods (Poli Sci 900), focuses on the construction of social science research and the various research design issues students must understand to construct qualitative social science studies. The second course, Quantitative Methods (Poli Sci 901), will introduce students to the statistical tools used by political scientists studying international security issues.
- 3) The final PhD-level required course must be taken after completing the history and political science two-course research sequences. Each student must complete a directed reading (Hist 985 or Poli Sci 785) with the chair of the student's Ph.D committee. The course is intended to allow the student to hone his or her dissertation topic in one-on-one consultation with the PhD chair.

The other fifteen hours of coursework will be elective courses chosen in consultation with the Ph.D committee to prepare the student for research and teaching in security studies, as well as to help prepare for the Ph.D exams. These electives may be drawn from History, Political Science, or from other disciplines deemed appropriate by the committee.

The intent of the Ph.D coursework is to prepare students for writing the dissertation. Upon completion of the Ph.D coursework students will have the research skills necessary to complete a dissertation-length scholarly study on a well-defined topic developed in consultation with their PhD Chair.

- **Ph.D comprehensive exams**

After completing coursework, the student will take comprehensive exams. Comprehensive exams will consist of two components. Each component will be a take-home written exam to be completed within a specified time limit. The first will be a general field exam consisting of two parts:

1. The History of International Security.
2. The Politics of International Security.

The second will be a special field, devised by the student in consultation with his or her committee. The special field can be geographic in focus (post-Soviet states, Africa, or Latin America, for example) or thematic (civil-military relations or arms proliferation, for example). Format of the special field will be determined by the examiner in consultation with the student's Ph.D committee.

An interdisciplinary Exam Committee of Security Studies faculty at KSU will administer the written comprehensive exam. The content of the general field exam will be uniform for each matriculating class of students. After passing the written exam, students will take the oral exam. The oral exam will be administered with live streaming video as needed between KSU and Ft. Leavenworth by the same interdisciplinary Exam Committee that designed and evaluated the written component of the exam. The make-up of the Exam Committee will change annually, as will the content of the written exams. The examination committee will organize repeat exams for those who fail. A second failure will result in dismissal from the program.

- **Dissertation prospectus defense**

Following the completion of the Ph.D coursework, the student will submit a written dissertation prospectus to his/her Ph.D Committee. The Committee will provide written feedback on the prospectus. After the student revises the prospectus, he/she will present and defend it orally to the Committee (via live video streaming if necessary). After completion of comprehensive exams and the completion of an acceptable prospectus, the student officially becomes a Ph.D candidate in the program and commences the dissertation.

- **Writing the dissertation**

The student will research and write the dissertation, consulting with the Ph.D Committee as often as necessary. The dissertation should be a substantial and original contribution to knowledge and scholarship.

- **Dissertation defense**

After completing the dissertation, the student will defend it orally before the Ph.D Committee (again, via live video streaming if necessary).

- **Submission of dissertation**

Upon successful completion of the oral defense, the student will make any additional revisions to the dissertation required by the Ph.D Committee and submit the final version of the dissertation to the College of Arts and Sciences at KSU.

- **Ph.D committee**

Within their first two semesters in the program, students will choose a Ph.D Committee consisting of at least four members of the KSU Security Studies faculty, including at least one member from History and at least one member from Political Science. As in any graduate program, adjunct professors are eligible to serve on committees. This committee will work with the student to craft an appropriate and feasible dissertation topic and advise the student on suitable coursework and preparation. Students will report to their committee at regular intervals. The Ph.D Committee may require the student to master specific research skills appropriate for the dissertation, including foreign languages or quantitative methods.

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