The following is a list of essential readings for the Political Science half of PhD exams in Security Studies. Students are also required to be familiar with readings from the syllabi of core Security Studies courses offered by the Political Science department (POLSC 812, 813, 814).

Readings have been chosen that represent classic works or those that contain important theoretical or methodological contributions to the field. As in studying for any comprehensive exam, students should make an effort to develop an understanding of the chronology of the development of the literature.

Core Reading List

General Theory


Methods:


**Systemic Explanations of International Conflict and Cooperation:**


**Crisis Bargaining:**


Alliances and Deterrence


Domestic Politics and International Conflict


**Trade/Interdependence and International Conflict:**


**Terrorism**


**Civil Wars / Ethnic Conflict**


**Peacekeeping / Conflict Management / Peace Agreements**


