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POLSC 540

GLOBAL SECURITY THREATS

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MWF - 9:30 - 10:20AM

This course studies security threats that cut across international borders. The class covers several aspects of terrorism and political violence, including what motivates terrorist groups, what makes states more likely to be targeted by terrorist groups, and the effectiveness of counterterrorism efforts. It also covers other transnational security threats such as cyber attacks, human trafficking, transnational criminal networks, and climate change-driven conflict. The class will include active learning through games and simulations.

THIS COURSE IS PART OF THE GLOBAL POLITICS & SECURITY TRACK!

THIS COURSE ALSO COUNTS FOR THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES' GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES OVERLAY!