

Course: IP 667- Overview
WMD Proliferation in South Asia

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Walk-ins are welcome on a first-come-first basis. However, students are encouraged to make prior appointments.

Course Description:

This course examines the origins of WMD proliferation in South Asia – India and Pakistan – and its impact on US and international security, and the global nonproliferation regime. Its objective is to familiarize and inform students of key debates and issues, to think analytically and critically about the causes and consequences of proliferation in the region, and to evaluate policy measures to cope with the spread of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems in the region. For this purpose, the course is divided into five major themes: (a) motivations and historical narrative; (b) fissile material production, weaponization, delivery systems, and operational issues; (c) limited conventional war under nuclear conditions; (d) nuclear stability; and (e) political stability, nuclear safety and security, and WMD trade.

Readings:

This course has two sets of readings: mandatory and recommended additional reading. Students are expected to have completed all the assigned mandatory readings prior to attending class. But considering the overall course load, students are not required to have read all the recommended additional material. The supplementary readings have been provided to add to your knowledge base, for reference in writing policy papers, or for future research.

Assignments:

All students are required to submit:

- 1,500 word Issue Brief by October 5th
- 750 word Op-Ed by November 9th
- 2,000-3,000 word term paper by December 14th

We will discuss all class assignments at length during class. All assignments must be submitted electronically. You are at liberty to submit assignments prior to the stipulated date. Please note however, that there will be grade penalties for any assignment submitted late. Extensions beyond deadlines will be considered only for reasons that are beyond the student's control, such as family or other emergencies. Please inform me in advance by telephone or e-mail if for any reason you believe that you may require an extension.

Mid-Term and Final Exams:

In addition to the written assignments, all students will be administered mid-term and final exams, which will be held on October 12th and December 7th respectively. Both exams will consist of multiple choice questions drawn from class lectures and the assigned readings. The goal of the exams will be to test your factual and historical knowledge of WMD-related issues specific to South Asia. Please note that this will not be the usual 'take-home' test. Instead, you will be required to complete the test within a specific time period during a single setting. We will discuss the exam format and protocols during class.

Evaluation:

You will note that the metrics for evaluating your overall performance in class have been diversified and spread over the length of an entire semester. This has been done with the objective of balancing your work load, testing your abilities from different angles, as well giving you multiple opportunities to make up for any slippages in or one or more assignments.

- Mid-Term Exam – 15 percent
- Final Exam - 15 percent
- Issue Brief - 15 percent
- Op-Ed – 15 percent
- Term Paper – 25 percent
- Class Participation & Presentation – 10 percent
- Punctuality & Discipline – 5 percent