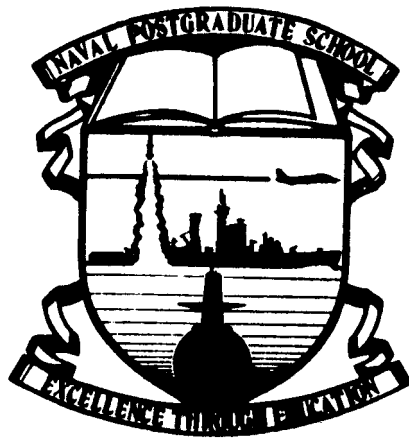


NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS PROGRAMS



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- 681: MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, SOUTH ASIA
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- 683: EUROPE, USSR
- 684: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS
- 686: STRATEGIC PLANNING

Objective:

These programs and related curricula are designed to provide graduate education to DOD officers and civilians in the field of security affairs with particular emphasis on the following areas: politico-military affairs, strategic and operational planning, attache' affairs, foreign intelligence and area analysis. The curricula may be divided into area specialties (681, 682, and 683 - in cooperation with the Defense Language Institute, also in Monterey) and functional specialties (684 and 686) conducted solely at the Postgraduate School. The degree of Master of Arts in National Security Affairs is awarded graduates who successfully complete program requirements.

Current program sponsors include: Navy-Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Plans and Policy); Air Force - Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence; and Army-Director, Military Personnel Center, Foreign Area Office (FAO) Program.

Specific educational objectives of these curricula are:

1. Geopolitics - Modern international politics is deeply rooted in geography. Students will be familiar with the geopolitical aspects of world regions in terms of their global

strategic importance. They will understand how scholars view the influence of geography, climate, economics, political culture, and demography on political thought and foreign policy.

2. Strategic Posture - Students should perceive national strengths and weaknesses which affect a nation's strategic postures and capabilities; and be able to identify and assess major military, political, economic, and sociological trends which affect policy choices in domestic and foreign affairs.

3. Military Forces - Students will understand the roles, political influence, social position, composition, structure, capabilities, and vulnerabilities of the armed forces. They will be informed of current political and military developments, regional politico-military relations, and regional defense agreements both bi- and multi-lateral.

4. Geography - Students should have a grasp of geography and its impact on national development, agriculture, spatial relationships, transportation systems, economic sufficiency and military posture. Area specialists should have detailed knowledge of their geographical areas and the concomitant strategic significance.

5. Economics - Students must be aware of the economic strengths and weaknesses of the major power blocs and of economic phenomena which influence ideology, military doctrine, industrial and social development. Area specialists must be familiar with the principal resources, economic influence, industrial capacity and major industries of their world region.

6. Politics - Students should have a knowledge of the

major political systems , political culture and governmental organizations; be aware of current political doctrine and issues, and know the strength, appeal, and influence of Communism and other ideologies. Area specialists should have a detailed knowledge of their area and be aware of the current relationships, attitudes and perspectives toward both the United States and the Soviet Union prevalent in it.

7. Culture and Religion - The student should be cognizant of the influence of class structure, ethnic cultural and religious values, and ideology on domestic and foreign affairs. They should understand the origins of and current cultural and religious differences and conflicts and how these factors affect regional and national unity.

8. Current Issues - Students must be familiar with the major security issues in the world. These include, but are not limited to, political, economic and military conflicts, insurgencies, social problems and efforts at social reform, economic problems and other issues which affect both the status or well-being of nations. These issues should be related to the formulation and implementation of U.S. foreign and security policies.

9. Analytical and Research Skills - Scholarly skills emphasized throughout the programs include: effective oral and written expression, research techniques, interpretation and evaluation of complex data, problem solving, forecasting, decision processes, modes of negotiation and debate, the formulation of strategy and politico-military objectives.

Qualification for Admission:

These programs are open to officers and civilian Government employees who have a baccalaureate degree earned with above average academic performance. Applicants may fulfill requirements for specific curricula through undergraduate courses that meet program prerequisites, Graduate Record Examination results, or other evidence. Applicants must be approved by the Chairman, Department of National Security Affairs.

Degree Requirements:

1. At least 44 quarter units of approved graduate study pertinent to the field of National Security Affairs, of which at least 16 units must be at the 4000 level.
2. The completion of an approved sequence of courses concentrating in either an area (681, 682, 683) or functional (684, 686) specialty, including at least one 4000 level course in that specialty.
3. Successful completion of a comprehensive examination, or an acceptable thesis in lieu thereof.
4. Language requirement may be satisfied by one of the following options:
  - a. Completion of a DLI basic language course, or
  - b. Certification of an R2/S2 rating based on the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DPLT), or
  - c. Completion of a language examination jointly developed and conducted by NPS and DLI.

The Common Core:

The courses below form a common core for the National Security Affairs Curricula (all area and functional specialties).

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NS 3262 Theory & Practice of International Relations	NS3061 American National Security Policy	NS4140 Problems of Security Assistance & Arms Transfers	NS4000 Perspectives On American Civilization
NS 3169 Comparative Political Analysis & Research Methods	NS3078 The Politics of National & Global Economic Relations		or NS4273 American Foreign Policy & World Politics

NS 3061 AMERICAN NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY (4-0)

Course Description:

An institutional and functional analysis of the national and international factors which shape U.S. defense policy. The course is focused on two major areas: The decision-making process, including the legislative-executive budgetary process, and the influence of bureaucratic politics and interest group participation upon defense decisions; Problems of strategic choice, including threat analysis, net assessment, deterrence theory, and limited war.

Course Objectives:

1. To define the strategic context of American National Security Policy.
2. To examine the formal and informal decision-making processes in the U.S. defense effort, and their impact on national security.
3. To analyze U.S. and Soviet strategic doctrine.
4. To compare elements of national power, especially military power, of the major superpowers.

NS 3078 THE POLITICS OF NATIONAL AND GLOBAL  
ECONOMIC RELATIONS (4-0)

Course Description:

An integrated analysis in three segments of the economic and political factors that together determine national and international economic arrangements. [The first segment is comprised of] The general principles of public finance as a prerequisite for the analysis of budgets, and policy priorities in specific countries and areas. The second deals with the basic differences between socialist, capitalist and market economic systems. The remainder is concerned with the changing world economic order, to include such topics as trade, aid, multi-national corporations, technology and strategic resources.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce the basic principles of public finance and budgeting, which will serve as one of the foundations for study of regional economics.
2. To present the basic principles of socialist, capitalist, and mixed economic systems.
3. To provide an appreciation of the following elements of the global politico-economic system:
  - a. World trade
  - b. The international monetary system
  - c. The multi-national corporation
  - d. Aid relations between rich and poor states
  - e. Strategies for lesser developed countries
4. To provide the student with substantive knowledge of the location and flow of strategic resources.



NS 3169 COMPARATIVE POLITICAL ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH METHODS (4-0)

Course Description:

An analytical and comparative study of the form and functioning of the major types of contemporary government with emphasis on the policy-making process and research methods.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce the student to the literature and scope of comparative politics.
2. To provide a conceptual framework to understand comparative politics.
3. To acquaint the student with a number of selected theories used in analyses of political development.
4. To provide the strengths and weaknesses of various theoretical approaches to the study of political change and development.

NS 4000 PERSPECTIVES ON AMERICAN CIVILIZATION (4-0)

Course Description:

This course, especially designed for the foreign area studies (attache') program, is an interdisciplinary study of American culture, involving the political, economic, social, philosophical and literary development of the Nation since 1789.

Course Objectives:

1. To provide perspectives on American civilization and the development of the American consensus.
2. To present the development of the American political character created by American political and economic history.
3. To develop an awareness of the distinctive character of American civilization and foreign perspectives on it.
4. To understand pragmatism and the formation of the modern American mind, social structure, politics of reform, and modern intellectual currents.
5. To provide substantive knowledge of the development of the Nation during the past two centuries.

NS 3262 THEORY AND PRACTICE OF INTERNATIONAL  
POLITICS (4-0)

Course Description:

A systematic theoretical analysis of international relations and a study of the factors, organizational strategies, and techniques of international politics.

Course Objectives:

1. Analyzing international relations from three perspectives; systemic, nation-state, and individual decision-maker.
2. Evolution of the international system.
3. Elements of national power and the complexity of their measurement.
4. Concepts of alliance, integration, conflict, arms competition and arms control as they apply to inter-state behavior.
5. Such psychological approaches as the operational code, frustration/aggression and relative deprivation.
6. The new forces operating in the international system, such as transnationalism, technology, resource cartels, nuclear proliferation and the changing economic order.

NS 4273 AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AND WORLD POLITICS (4-0)

Course Description:

An advanced study of the underlying assumptions and objectives of American security and foreign policy. Policy formulation, world politics, alliance and treaty systems; effects on security problems of budgets, weapons systems, research and development, international economic issues; the functioning of regional security systems in crises; problems of threat and intelligence determination. Research in primary sources. This course is designed to develop a capacity for problem analysis and encourage opportunities for research specialization. Prerequisites: NS 3400, NS 3610.

Course Objectives:

1. To relate the foreign and defense policies of the United States to defense strategies and weapons systems.
2. To develop linkage, models, and concepts that assist analysis of the effects of internal institutional development on foreign policy.
3. To analyze contemporary development in the global political system in terms of changes in the American political system.

NOTE: This course is required for all Navy students.

NS 4140 PROBLEMS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE  
AND ARMS TRANSFERS (4-0)

Course Description:

An analysis of the patterns, purposes and effects of cross-national security assistance, including arms sales and the transfer of technology. Special topics include: factors dominating the arms transfer policies of the major powers; the role of the military in recipient nations; the role of the military attache'; the design, execution and evaluation of security assistance programs. Prerequisites: NS 3061 or NS 3262.

Course Objectives:

An appreciation and knowledge of:

1. The various roles of conventional arms transfers in the international system, with emphasis on events since World War II.
2. The factors involved in the arms transfer policies of the U.S., U. K., France, U.S.S.R., PRC, and other selected suppliers.
3. The role of arms transfers in the foreign policy of selected nation-states.
4. The effects of arms transfers on regional conflict economic development and the internal politics of selected countries.
5. The U.S. arms transfers decision-making process, to include appropriate regulations and guidelines.

AREA SPECIALTY CURRICULA

- #681 - Middle East, Africa, South Asia
- #682 - Far East, Southeast Asia, Pacific
- #683 - Europe, USSR

Description:

These curricula are cooperative programs with the Defense Language Institute. They last from one to two years depending upon the curricula and option selected, the language studied, and educational background. Inputs to these programs are accepted each quarter of the academic year (July, September, January or March). Officers are assigned to NPS for the duration of the combined program. Quotas for language instruction are obtained from DLI by the Curricular Office, except for those students who have acquired language proficiency either at DLI or other institutions before admission to the program. For those sponsors whose students do not require language instruction, a purely academic option conducted solely at NPS is offered. Thus, program length may vary as follows:

1. Twelve months academic instruction at NPS and six months language instruction at DLI (most Western European languages).
2. Twelve months academic instruction at NPS and twelve months language instruction at DLI (most languages other than Western European).
3. Twelve months academic instruction at NPS (for those students who are qualified in the language of their particular area specialty).
4. Eighteen months academic instruction at NPS and submission of an acceptable thesis (for those students whose sponsors do not require language instruction).

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The primary options include concentration in European or Soviet Studies. For those students whose language is Spanish, Portuguese or French, the West European option can be modified to include courses in Latin America, Africa or other areas where those languages are spoken.

(1) A Naval Officer concentrating in Soviet Studies  
(language not required.) Eighteen months academic instruction and thesis at NPS.

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NS3169 Comparative Political Analysis and Research Methods	NS3061 American National Security Policy	NS3610 Problems of Government and Security in East Asia and the Pacific	NS3612 Problems of Government and Security in the Peoples Republic of China
NS 3262 Theory and Practice of International Relations	NS3078 Politics of National and Global Economic Relations	NS3710 International Relations and Security Problems of the Mediterranean	NS3320 International Relations and Security Problems of the Middle East
NS3400 Domestic Determinants of Soviet National Security Policy	NS3410 Soviet National Security and Foreign Policy-Making Processes	NS3440 Comparative Communist Political Systems	NS3420 Soviet Naval and Maritime Strategy
NS3700 Strategic Geography and History of Europe	NS3701 Recent History of Europe and the USSR	NS3430 Soviet Military Strategy	NS3280 Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy

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NS4140 Problems of Security Assistance and Arms Transfers	NS4273 American Foreign Policy and World Politics
NS4425 Advanced Topics in Soviet Naval Affairs	NS4400 Seminar in Soviet Security Problems
NS4700 Seminar in Soviet-European Relations	NS4710 Seminar in Sino-Soviet Relations
NS0810 Thesis Research	NS0810 Thesis Research

(2) A Prospective Attache' to Denmark. Twelve months academic instruction and comprehensive examination at NPS. Six months language instruction at DLI.

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NS3169 Comparative Political Analysis and Research Methods	NS3061 American National Security Policy	NS4140 Problems of Security Assistance and Arms Transfers	NS4000 Perspectives on American Civilization
NS3262 Theory and Practice of International Relations	NS3078 Politics of National and Global Economic Relations	NS4700 Seminar in Soviet European Relations	NS4701 Seminar in Political and Security Problems of Europe
NS3400 Domestic Determinants of Soviet National Security Policy	NS3268 Problems of Government and Security in Contemporary Europe	NS3800 Problems of Government and Security in the Scandinavian and Baltic Region	NS3280 Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy
NS3700 Strategic Geography and History of Europe	NS3701 Recent History of Europe and the USSR	NS3710 International Relations and Security Problems of the Mediterranean	NS0811 Preparation for Comprehensive Examination



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FLDA01 Danish	FLDA02 Danish
NS3750 Area Colloquium in European Studies	NS3751 Area Colloquium in European Studies

3. A student preparing for successive assignments in Spanish-speaking countries. Language requirement completed prior to enrollment. Twelve months academic instruction and comprehensive examination at NPS.

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NS3169 Comparative Political Analysis and Research Methods	NS3061 American National Security Policy	NS4140 Problems of Security Assistance and Arms Transfers	NS4279 Directed Study in National Security Affairs
NS3262 Theory and Practice of International Relations	NS3078 Politics of National and Global Economic Relations	NS3032 History of Recent Insurgency Warfare and Political Terrorism	NS4279 Directed Study in National Security Affairs
NS3500 Problems of Government and Security in the Caribbean Area	NS3520 Problems of Diplomacy and Security in Latin America and the Caribbean	NS3510 Problems of Government and Security in South America	NS4701 Seminar in Political and Security Problems of Europe
NS3700 Strategic Geography and History of Europe	NS3701 Recent History of Europe and the USSR	NS3710 International Relations and Security Problems of the Mediterranean	NS0811 Preparation for Comprehensive Examination

NS 3268 PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT AND SECURITY IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPE (4-0)

Course Description:

Problems of the European political system since World War II. Emphasis on the interrelation of associated European states (EEC and CMEA); the polarization of Europe between two security systems (NATO and the Warsaw Pact); and relations between the European states and the Third World.

Course Objectives:

1. To ensure familiarization with the political, military and economic issues in Europe since 1945.
2. To provide an analysis of political and security issues in specific European countries and sub-areas through student research, and discussion of student papers.
3. To understand the policy relationships of the European states with one another and with the U.S.S.R. and the United States.

NS 3280 NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND FOREIGN POLICY (4-0)

Course Description:

An interdisciplinary course which covers both the technology and political influences of nuclear weapons systems. The course emphasizes the interaction of nuclear weapons systems with the foreign policies of the major powers and political blocs since 1945. Also offered as PH 3280.

Course Objectives:

1. To develop familiarity and facility with the language of nuclear weapons technology.
2. To apply knowledge of nuclear weapons technology to both policy and security problems.
3. To discuss and understand the basic ramifications of such problems as deterrence theory and practice, proliferation technology and politics, arms race expansion and limitation, nuclear terrorism, etc.
4. To demonstrate an ability to apply the knowledge acquired through participation in a simulation of nuclear weapons and policy problems.

NS 3400 COMPARATIVE COMMUNIST POLITICAL SYSTEMS (4-0)

Course Description:

An Analysis of structure and policy-making processes of existing communist political systems, of their major functions and significant factors affecting system development. Systems include those of the USSR, Eastern Europe, East Asia, South Asia and Cuba.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce the literature and field of comparative communist systems.
2. To provide the conceptual framework to understand the Communist regimes.
3. To acquaint the student with the common and disparate elements associated with these systems.
4. To provide a sense of the strengths and weaknesses of various Communist systems, and the general pattern of Communist takeovers and system development.

NS 3410 SOVIET NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY-MAKING PROCESS (4-0)

Course Description:

A study of the processes which determine the national security and foreign policies of the Soviet Union. The main focus is on foreign policy and the dynamics of decision-making in Soviet national security affairs.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce the literature and field of Soviet national security and foreign policy.
2. To build upon knowledge of the domestic determinants and explain the linkage between domestic bureaucratic politics and foreign policy.
3. To provide the students with an overview of Soviet foreign policy during the Stalin, Khrushchev, and Brezhnev eras. Special emphasis is given to crisis management and trends in foreign policy.

NS 3420 SOVIET NAVAL AND MARITIME STRATEGY (4-0)

Course Description:

Examination of the roles played by the Soviet Navy, Merchant Marine, Fishing Fleet, and Oceanographic Establishment in securing the objectives of the Soviet Government. Topics include: Geographic factors affecting Soviet ocean strategies; non-naval strategy trends; international and domestic factors affecting post-1953 naval strategy; development of Soviet naval warfare capabilities; doctrinal and functional analysis of post-1953 trends in naval strategy; command structure; personnel training; law of the sea positions; U.S.-Soviet naval interaction.

Course Objectives:

1. To ensure familiarity with the structure of the Soviet naval, merchant marine, fishing, and oceanographic establishments.
2. To analyze the functions intelligence officers and planners perform in light of Soviet national objectives, national strategy, international political strategy, overall military strategy, and finally, naval and maritime strategy per se.
3. To describe how those functions are performed, and become acquainted with the operational environment, with emphasis on:
  - a. Developing and maintaining the strength and capabilities of the Soviet naval and maritime establishments;
  - b. Exercising and utilizing their strengths and capabilities;
  - c. The geography of the Soviet Union and surrounding waters;and
  - d. The existence of U.S. seapower.

NS 3430 SOVIET MILITARY STRATEGY (4-0)

Course Description:

Economic, historical and geographic influences on Russian military operations and strategies emphasizing the Soviet era. Likely alternative future Soviet military developments and strategies are examined.

Course Objectives:

1. To present historical soviet military operations.
2. To describe the role of the Soviet armed forces in the national security decision-making process.
3. To understand the process of developing and maintaining the strength and capabilities of the Soviet military establishment.

NS 3440 COMPARATIVE COMMUNIST POLITICAL SYSTEMS (4-0)

Course Description:

An analysis of structure and policy-making processes of existing communist political systems, of their major functions, and significant factors affecting system development. Systems include those of the USSR, Eastern Europe, East Asia, South Asia and Cuba.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce the literature and field of comparative communist systems.
2. To provide the conceptual framework to understand the Communist regimes.
3. To acquaint the student with the common and disparate associated with these systems.
4. To provide a sense of the strengths and weaknesses of various Communist systems, and the general pattern of Communist takeovers and system development.



NS 3450 AREA COLLOQUIUM IN SOVIET STUDIES I (2-0)  
NS 3451 AREA COLLOQUIUM IN SOVIET STUDIES II (2-0)

Course Description:

Combined NPS/DLI colloquia. Open to students completing language studies. Cultures; current domestic and foreign policy; and security problems of selected countries in the areas of specialization. Graded Pass/Fail only.

Course Objectives:

1. To maintain awareness of current developments in Soviet area.
2. To supplement and enrich the cultural materials in the language and other courses.
3. To introduce reading in political and military affairs in the languages of the countries to which graduates will be assigned.
4. Through discussion, to highlight differences in national perspectives on current issues in the Soviet and Europe area.

NS 3500 PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT AND SECURITY IN THE  
CARIBBEAN AREA (4-0)

Course Description:

A study of the geographic, political, economic, social, and cultural characteristics and the security problems of nations in the Caribbean area. Included are Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean Island countries, the Guianas, Venezuela, and Colombia.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce Caribbean and Central American social, cultural and political patterns.
2. To present detailed knowledge of selected countries of the region.
3. To highlight the strategic significance of the Caribbean Islands and littoral to defense of the Panama Canal and inter-continental ocean routes.

NS 3510 PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT AND SECURITY IN SOUTH  
AMERICA (4-0)

Course Description:

A study of the geographic, political, economic, social, and cultural characteristics and the security problems of the countries of South America, excluding the Guianas.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce South American social, cultural and political patterns.
2. To provide detailed knowledge of selected countries of the region.
3. To understand South American political culture their domination by the "Colossus of the North", the Organization of American States (OAS), and U. S. military assistance to selected nations.

NS 3520 PROBLEMS OF DIPLOMACY AND SECURITY IN LATIN AMERICA  
AND THE CARIBBEAN (4-0)

Course Description:

A study of the geographic, political, economic, and military relationships among Latin American nations, and the role of Latin America in world politics. Special emphasis is placed on U.S. relations with Latin America.

Course Objectives:

1. To describe the strategic implications of the region, as they pertain to U.S. security interests.
2. To summarize and integrate material presented in other courses on Latin America in terms of the implications for U.S. policy choices.

NS 3620 PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT AND SECURITY IN SOUTH ASIA AND  
THE INDIAN OCEAN (4-0)

Course Description:

Problems of nationalism, modernization, and security in the governments and economies of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Sri Lanka. Indian-Pakistani relations; relations with China; the Tibetan and Kashmir problems; strategic interests of the major powers; Soviet interests and naval expansion in the Indian Ocean.

Course Objectives:

To gain an understanding of these countries in terms of:

1. Religious and social systems.
2. Systems of government
3. Security problems and their significance to the national interest of the United States.

NS 3700 STRATEGIC GEOGRAPHY AND THE HISTORY OF EUROPE (4-0)

Course Description:

The course links the political and military experiences of the European states and political blocs of the 19th and 20th Centuries with the decisive constraints and opportunities of geography. The advanced elements of geography, which are the bases of political and military decision-making, are systematically arrayed and examined within Europe. Strategic position, area, physiography, population, technology and economic resources are presented as the basic elements which have influenced the political and military events of the past and can be used in forecasting the future.

Course Objectives:

1. Knowledge of the events which comprise European history (1789-1918).
2. Knowledge of the essential elements of the strategic geography of Europe, with emphasis on the political, economic, social and military applications.
3. Understanding of the interrelations between European History and the elements of strategic geography.

NS 3701 RECENT HISTORY OF EUROPE AND THE U.S.S.R.

Course Description:

This course continues the narrative and analysis begun in NS 3700, Strategic Geography and History of Europe, bringing the student from the Bolshevik Revolution to the present.

Course Objectives:

1. To convey knowledge and relationship of the events which comprise European history (1918-present).
2. To relate European history to the elements of strategic geography.
3. To afford recognition of the data base represented by the material studies in NS 3700 and this course, and its application to scenario-building, strategic planning, etc.

NS 3710 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND SECURITY  
PROBLEMS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN (4-0)

Course Description:

This course provides an introduction to security problems in and around the Mediterranean. It focuses on the strategic problems of access to, and defense of the Mediterranean littoral; communication routes in the Mediterranean; Western and Soviet interests in the Mediterranean; politics and policies of surrounding states.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce strategic and security problems presented by the geographic configuration of the Mediterranean littoral.
2. To introduce both historical and contemporary politics of the Mediterranean states.



NS 3750 AREA COLLOQUIUM IN WESTERN EUROPEAN STUDIES I (2-0)  
NS 3751 AREA COLLOQUIUM IN WESTERN EUROPEAN STUDIES II (2-0)

Course Description:

Combined NPS/DLI colloquia. Open to students completing their language studies. Cultures; current domestic and foreign policy; and security problems of selected countries in the areas of specialization. Graded Pass/Fail only.

Course Objectives:

1. To be aware of current developments in areas and countries of interest.
2. To supplement and enrich the cultural materials included in language and other NPS courses.
3. To introduce readings in political and military affairs in the languages of the countries to which graduates will be assigned.
4. To highlight differences in national perspectives on current issues in the Soviet and European area.

NS 3800 PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT AND SECURITY OF THE  
SCANDINAVIAN-BALTIC REGION (4-0)

Course Description:

This course presents and analyzes the political, economic, social, and security problems faced by the Scandinavian-Baltic countries. Their role on the northern flank of NATO, and their position vis-a-vis the threat of Soviet power in the Baltic and Norwegian seas, will be studied.

Course Objectives:

1. To analyze the strategic and security problems presented by the geographic and maritime configuration of the Baltic-Scandinavian littoral.
2. To introduce both historical and contemporary politics developed by the Scandinavian-Baltic States.

NS 4400 SEMINAR IN SOVIET SECURITY PROBLEMS (4-0)

Course Description:

An opportunity to engage in advanced study and research in specialized topics relating to the USSR.

PREREQUISITES: Two 3000 level courses on the Soviet Area.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce advanced research techniques in the field of Soviet and Eastern European studies.
2. To present quantitative methods of analysis of the Communist press and publications, and bureaucratic politics.
3. To provide conceptual frameworks necessary for advanced research and writing.
4. To provide relevant analytical and research experience to enhance understanding of the intricacies of Soviet and Eastern European national security matters.

NS 4425 ADVANCED TOPICS IN SOVIET NAVAL AFFAIRS (4-0)

Course Description:

Advanced study and research in Soviet naval and maritime affairs. Topics include: Decision-making processes, scenarios, warfare capabilities and support systems, missions; and U. S. Soviet naval interactions.

Course Objectives:

1. To develop a sophisticated knowledge current Soviet naval developments.
2. To enhance the capability to communicate knowledge of the Soviet Navy in reasoned oral and written arguments.
3. To increase the capability for in-depth research from design to final completion stages.

NS 4700 SEMINAR IN SOVIET-EUROPEAN RELATIONS (4-0)

Course Description:

A seminar to deepen knowledge of current issues in Soviet and European affairs through weekly presentations and discussions by visiting scholars and government officials, and by the preparation and presentation of student research papers.

Course Objectives:

1. To develop sophisticated perceptions of political and security issues in specific European countries and sub-areas.
2. To develop research, analytical, and writing skills necessary for advanced political analysis.
3. For thesis student, to contribute to the refinement and completion of their research.

NS 4701 SEMINAR IN POLITICAL AND SECURITY PROBLEMS OF EUROPE (4-0)

Course Description:

A research seminar on political and security issues in contemporary Europe. Students conduct and present original research on selected issues, or related issues, in specific European countries or sub-regions. The topic around which the seminar is structured varies from term to term. It is chosen to meet the research interests of each group of students in the course.

Course Objectives:

1. To develop sophisticated and detailed knowledge of political and security issues in specific European countries and sub-areas.
2. To develop research, analytical, and writing skills needed for advanced political analysis.
3. For thesis students, to contribute to the refinement and completion of research.

NS 4710 SEMINAR IN SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS (4-0)

Course Description:

Advanced analysis of Sino-Soviet relations. Emphasis is on political, economic and military factors which have shaped historical confrontations and contemporary conflicts, and which will likely influence the policies of both nations in the future. The special features of the course include consideration of the influence of Sino-Soviet conflicts upon global military and diplomatic problems. Open to Asian and Soviet Studies students and to other students with consent of the Instructor.

Course Objective:

1. To investigate the confrontations and periods of cooperation between China and Russia.
2. To describe the extent and influence of Sino-Soviet relations on other countries.
3. To determine the significance of Sino-Soviet relations to the United States.