

## VESALIUS – POL351E – COURSE DESCRIPTION

### **Military Approaches to Promoting Security**

6 ECTS

This specialization course will provide an in-depth analysis of core actors, key dimensions and approaches to promoting security through military means. Particular emphasis will be placed on the so-called 'comprehensive approach'. The course will provide a conceptual and theoretical introduction to Military Security by focusing on the concept of threat, risk, security and conflict and their evolution. This course explores the changing nature of war and the complexity of today's conflicts. The course will be an introduction to the (*possible*) role of the military related to 'Hard' security issues such as Deterrence, Arms Control and Disarmament; Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Small Arms & Light Weapons; Failed States; Terrorism and Counterterrorism; Human and man-made disasters. The influence of the privatization of international security and the evolution of military equipment on the role of the military will be discussed. Finally, students will study the specificity of the military in Crisis Management, the main approaches to Peace Support Operations and Military Crisis Management in the UN, EU and NATO frameworks, the Comprehensive Approach, and the role of the military in State building.

### **COURSE SCHEDULE**

<b>Introduction</b>		
<b>Week 1</b>	24 August	Introduction to the Course. Overview of Syllabus and Requirements.
<b>Part 1: Introduction to Military Security</b>		
<b>Week 2</b>	31 August	Security, Risks vs Threats; Traditional approach to security and the military dimension, Securitization changing security and the concept of comprehensive approach
<b>Week 3</b>	07 September	The changing nature of war and the complexity of today's conflicts
<b>Part 2: Hard security issues</b>		
<b>Week 3</b>	07 September	Deterrence, arms control & disarmament
<b>Week 4</b>	14 September	Proliferation of WMD
<b>Week 5</b>	21 September	Proliferation of SALW
<b>Week 6</b>	28 September	Failed States
<b>Week 7</b>	05 October	Terrorism & Counter-terrorism: a role for the military?
<b>Week 8</b>	12 October	Counter-insurgency

<b>Week 9</b>	19 October	Human and man-made disasters - The privatization of international security: which place for the military?
<b>Week 10</b>	26 October	Evolution of Military Equipment & Influence on the role of the military
<b>Part 3: Crisis management- the place of military</b>		
<b>Week 11</b>	09 November	Introduction to Crisis Management operations
<b>Week 12</b>	16 November	Comprehensive Approach
<b>Week 13</b>	23 November	Case Studies
<b>Week 14</b>	30 November	State-building, what role for the military?
<b>Week 15</b>	.06-10 December TBD	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>