

**Department of Political Science  
University of the Punjab, Lahore  
Course Outline**



<b>Programme</b>	Diplomacy and Strategic Studies	<b>Course Code</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>	3
<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Introduction to Nuclear Strategy: Concepts and Issues</b>				
<b>Course Introduction</b>					
<p>The course is aimed at exploring and determining the significance of Nuclear Strategy, nuclear weapons with reference to the contemporary international system. Therefore, in-depth treatment will be given to various distinctive nuclear strategies, and their influence in respective strategic environment, since nuclear revolution to today. It will, certainly, enable students in portending the relevancy of nuclear weapons in the international politico-security system in the foreseeable future.</p>					
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>					
<p>On the completion of the course, the students will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be acquainted with the basic concepts and major debates about Nuclear Strategy</li> <li>2. Be equipped with sufficient knowledge of prevalent issues</li> <li>3. Have a thorough overview of south Asia and Nuclear Issues that will help them in further, more advanced courses</li> <li>4. Design a significant roadmap for future discussions and debates to enhance their intellectual caliber</li> <li>5. Receive an impressive collection or reading and reference material to help them in future research projects and similar research based activities</li> </ol>					
<b>Course Content</b>				<b>Assignments/Readings</b>	
<b>Week 1</b>	<p><b>Pre-Nuclear Environment</b></p> <p>Theory of strategy during WW-1, Inter-war time Period and World War-11</p>	<p><b>Revolution</b></p>	<p><b>Strategic</b></p>	<p>The Evolution of Nuclear Strategy" by Lawrence Freedman</p> <p>Chapter 1</p> <p>Freedman, L., &amp; Michaels, J. (2019). <i>The evolution of nuclear strategy: New,</i></p>	

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<b>Week 2</b>	<p><b>Advent of Nuclear Weapons and Its impacts on International Strategic Settings</b></p> <p>Concept of Absolute Weapon, transformation of politico-security environment</p>	<p>The Evolution of Nuclear Strategy" by Lawrence Freedman</p> <p>Chapter 3,2</p> <p>Freedman, L., &amp; Michaels, J. (2019). <i>The evolution of nuclear strategy: New, updated and completely revised. Springer.</i></p>
<b>Week 3</b>	<p><b>Advent of Nuclear Weapons and Its impacts on International Strategic Settings</b></p> <p>Concept of Absolute Weapon, transformation of politico-security environment</p>	<p>The Evolution of Nuclear Strategy" by Lawrence Freedman</p> <p>Chapter 5,4</p> <p>Freedman, L., &amp; Michaels, J. (2019). <i>The evolution of nuclear strategy: New, updated and completely revised. Springer.</i></p>
<b>Week 4</b>	<p><b>Nuclear Weapons and Cold War</b></p> <p>Development of Nuclear Strategy and Deterrence</p> <p>Limited War</p>	<p>The Evolution of Nuclear Strategy" by Lawrence Freedman</p> <p>Chapter 6</p> <p>Freedman, L., &amp; Michaels, J. (2019). <i>The evolution of nuclear strategy: New, updated and completely revised. Springer.</i></p>
<b>Week 5</b>	<p>Crisis Diplomacy</p> <p>Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Regime</p>	<p>The Evolution of Nuclear Strategy" by Lawrence Freedman</p> <p>Chapter 7</p> <p>Freedman, L., &amp; Michaels, J. (2019). <i>The evolution of nuclear strategy: New,</i></p>

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<b>Week 6</b>	<p><b>Nuclear Weapons in the Post Cold War World</b></p> <p>Second Nuclear Age</p>	<p>The Evolution of Nuclear Strategy" by Lawrence Freedman</p> <p>Chapter 8</p> <p>Freedman, L., &amp; Michaels, J. (2019). <i>The evolution of nuclear strategy: New, updated and completely revised.</i> Springer.</p>
<b>Week 7</b>	<p>Future of Nuclear Weapons in the Interdependent world</p>	<p>The Evolution of Nuclear Strategy" by Lawrence Freedman</p> <p>Chapter 9</p> <p>Freedman, L., &amp; Michaels, J. (2019). <i>The evolution of nuclear strategy: New, updated and completely revised.</i> Springer.</p>
<b>Week 8</b>	<p>From Nuclear Non-Proliferation to Counter Proliferation</p>	<p>The Evolution of Nuclear Strategy" by Lawrence Freedman</p> <p>Chapter 10</p> <p>Freedman, L., &amp; Michaels, J. (2019). <i>The evolution of nuclear strategy: New, updated and completely revised.</i> Springer.</p>
<b>Week 9</b>	<p>Nuclearization of South Asia and Nuclear World Order</p>	<p>The Evolution of Nuclear Strategy" by Lawrence Freedman</p> <p>Chapter 11,12</p> <p>Freedman, L., &amp; Michaels, J. (2019). <i>The evolution of nuclear strategy: New,</i></p>

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<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Nuclear Weapons in the Twenty First Century: Trends and Challenges</b> Nuclear Terrorism	The Evolution of Nuclear Strategy" by Lawrence Freedman Chapter 14,13 Freedman, L., & Michaels, J. (2019). <i>The evolution of nuclear strategy: New, updated and completely revised. Springer.</i>
<b>Week 11</b>	International Non-Proliferation Regime: Challenges and Prospects	The Evolution of Nuclear Strategy" by Lawrence Freedman Chapter 16,15 Freedman, L., & Michaels, J. (2019). <i>The evolution of nuclear strategy: New, updated and completely revised. Springer.</i>
<b>Week 12</b>	Nuclear Weapons as Impediment to International Security System	The Evolution of Nuclear Strategy" by Lawrence Freedman Chapter 17,18 Freedman, L., & Michaels, J. (2019). <i>The evolution of nuclear strategy: New, updated and completely revised. Springer.</i>

<b>Week 13-14</b>	Relevancy, Morality, and Co-effectiveness of Nuclear Weapons in 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	The Evolution of Nuclear Strategy" by Lawrence Freedman  Chapter 19,20  Freedman, L., & Michaels, J. (2019). <i>The evolution of nuclear strategy: New, updated and completely revised</i> . Springer.
<b>Week 15</b>	Presentations	
<b>Week 16</b>	Student Presentations and Course Review	
<b>Textbooks and Reading Material</b>		
<p>Nuclear Strategy in the Modern Era: Regional Powers and International Conflict" by Vipin Narang Narang, V. (2014). <i>Nuclear strategy in the modern era: Regional powers and international conflict</i>. Princeton University Press.</p> <p>Arms and Influence" by Thomas Schelling Schelling, T. C. (1966). <i>Arms and influence</i>. Yale University Press.</p> <p>The Bomb: Presidents, Generals, and the Secret History of Nuclear War by Fred Kaplan Kaplan, F. (2020). <i>The bomb: Presidents, generals, and the secret history of nuclear war</i>. Simon &amp; Schuster.</p>		
<b>Teaching Learning Strategies</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Relevant material will be provided beforehand to the class both in printed and electronic form to match with the course contents designed</li> <li>2. Reciprocal teaching method can be implemented to allow students a chance to speak their mind and discuss their problems</li> <li>3. Brainstorming sessions will be encouraged with instructional scaffolding to allow students to develop their intellectual capabilities before being introduced to technical subjects</li> <li>4. Didactic questioning by the instructor will be a viable teaching tool to initiate small group discussions in a think-pair-share collaborative teaching environment.</li> <li>5. Individual presentations may also be assigned to exclusively focus on students with learning difficulties or exceptional students with a potential to offer more to the class environment.</li> </ol>		
<b>Assignments: Types and Number with Calendar</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Week Four: Student report submission for previous lectures taught</li> </ol>		

2. Week Six-Eight: Surprise Quiz or Show-and-Tell Presentation on topics covered
3. Week Eleven: Research Report post-Midterms
4. Week Fifteen: Grouped presentations of Poster Competition on topics assigned

**Assessment**

Sr. No.	Elements	Weightage	Details
1.	Midterm Assessment	35%	Written Assessment at the mid-point of the semester.
2.	Formative Assessment	25%	Continuous assessment includes: Classroom participation, assignments, presentations, viva voce, attitude and behavior, hands-on-activities, short tests, projects, practical, reflections, readings, quizzes etc.
3.	Final Assessment	40%	Written Examination at the end of the semester. It is mostly in the form of a test, but owing to the nature of the course the teacher may assess their students based on term paper, research proposal development, field work and report writing etc.