

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



Programme	Diplomacy and Strategic Studies	Course Code		Credit Hours	3
Course Title	History and Evolution of Hybrid warfare				
Course Introduction					
<p>This course provides a comprehensive examination of hybrid warfare—a modern conflict paradigm that blends conventional and unconventional tactics, state and non-state actors, and various forms of warfare including cyber, psychological, and informational. Participants will explore the theoretical foundations of hybrid warfare, analyze historical and contemporary case studies, and gain practical insights into the strategies and tactics employed by hybrid actors. By the end of the course, students will be equipped to identify, analyze, and respond to hybrid warfare scenarios in both military and civilian contexts.</p>					
Learning Outcomes					
<p>On the completion of the course, the students will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define and understand the concept of hybrid warfare. 2. Analyse the historical evolution and modern manifestations of hybrid warfare 3. Examine case studies of hybrid warfare from various global contexts 4. Develop strategies and tactics to counter hybrid threats effectively 5. Explore the implications of hybrid warfare for international relations, security policy, and strategic planning. 					
Course Content				Assignments/Readings	
Week 1	<p>Introduction to Hybrid Warfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week 1: Definition and Evolution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Definition and Characteristics of Hybrid Warfare 			<p>Hybrid Warfare: Fighting Complex Opponents from the Ancient World to the Present" by Williamson Murray and Peter R. Mansoor</p>	

Week 2	<p>Introduction to Hybrid Warfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Historical Evolution and Key Milestones ○ Comparison with Traditional and Asymmetric Warfare 	<p>Oğuz, Ş. (2017). Is hybrid warfare really new?. <i>Ankara Üniversitesi SBF Dergisi</i>, 72(3), 525-540.</p>
Week 3	<p>Theoretical Frameworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theoretical Perspectives on Hybrid Warfare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Theories and Models 	<p>Caliskan, M. (2019). Hybrid warfare through the lens of strategic theory. <i>Defense & security analysis</i>, 35(1), 40-58.</p>
Week 4	<p>Theoretical Frameworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic and Tactical Dimensions 	<p>Ioannou, K. (2022). Hybrid warfare: theory, case studies and countermeasures.</p>
Week 5	<p>Components of Hybrid Warfare</p> <p>Conventional and Unconventional Tactics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conventional Military Operations 	<p>Hoffman, F. G. (2014). Hybrid warfare and challenges. In <i>Strategic Studies</i> (pp. 329-337). Routledge.</p>
Week 6	<p>Components of Hybrid Warfare</p> <p>Conventional and Unconventional Tactics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guerrilla Warfare, Insurgency, and Terrorism ○ Hybrid Tactics and Techniques 	<p>Hoffman, F. G. (2014). Hybrid warfare and challenges. In <i>Strategic Studies</i> (pp. 329-337). Routledge.</p>
Week 7	Non-State Actors and Proxy Warfare	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roles of Non-State Actors in Hybrid Warfare 	
Week 8	<p>Non-State Actors and Proxy Warfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Proxy Forces and Militia • Impact of Transnational Networks and Organizations 	Reichborn-Kjennerud, E., & Cullen, P. (2022). <i>What is hybrid warfare?</i> . Norwegian Institute for International Affairs (NUPI).
Week 9	<p>Case Studies in Hybrid Warfare</p> <p>Case Study 1: Russia's Hybrid Strategy in Ukraine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Analysis of Russia's Hybrid Tactics in Crimea and Eastern Ukraine ○ Role of Cyber Operations and Disinformation 	Rusnáková, S. (2017). Russian new art of hybrid warfare in Ukraine. <i>Slovenská politologická revue</i> , 17(3-4), 343-380.
Week 10	<p>Case Study 2: The Syrian Civil War</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examining the Use of Hybrid Warfare by Various Actors • Impact on Regional and Global Security 	Bachmann, S. D., & Jones, M. (2021). Syria—a hybrid war case study. <i>Journal of Military and Strategic Studies</i> .
Week 11	<p>The ISIS Insurgency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hybrid Tactics Employed by ISIS • Implications for Counterterrorism and Counterinsurgency 	Beccaro, A. (2018). Modern irregular warfare: The ISIS case study. <i>Small Wars & Insurgencies</i> , 29(2), 207-228.
Week 12	<p>Strategies and Responses</p> <p>Developing Counter-Hybrid Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategies for Countering Hybrid Threats ○ Role of Intelligence and Surveillance 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interagency and Multinational Cooperation 	
Week 13	<p style="text-align: center;">Policy and Strategic Implications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Responses to Hybrid Warfare 	Bahenský, V. (2016). Hybrid Warfare, Wars, and Threats: a conceptual analysis.
Week 14		
Week 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Planning and Risk Management 	
Week 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Trends and Evolving Threats 	

Textbooks and Reading Material

The lectures will supplement discussions through books and online academic material. The objective would be to engage students in reading and listening to expert opinions to develop their own understanding of various concepts that are essential in the subject. The curriculum will not depend on a fixed set of readings and online lectures but will diversify to accommodate research articles and opinions as well as interviews to provide a broad spectrum analysis and discourse.

Recommended Books (material can be provided as lectures proceed)

The Evolution of Modern Warfare: Hybrid Warfare and the Modern World by Kevin R. McCann

McCann, K. R. (2017). *The evolution of modern warfare: Hybrid warfare and the modern world*. Routledge.

Hybrid Warfare: The Changing Face of Conflict" by James D. Fearon and David D. Laitin Fearon, J. D., & Laitin, D. D. (2016). *Hybrid warfare: The changing face of conflict*. Oxford University Press.

Understanding Hybrid Warfare: A Conceptual and Empirical Examination" by Beatrice Heuser Heuser, B. (2021). *Understanding hybrid warfare: A conceptual and empirical examination*. Routledge.

"Russian Hybrid Warfare: Resurgence and Threat" by NATO Defence College
NATO Defence College. (2016). *Russian hybrid warfare: Resurgence and threat*. NATO Defence College.

Hybrid Warfare and Transnational Threats: Special Operations Forces in the Globalized World" by Sean McFate

McFate, S. (2019). *Hybrid warfare and transnational threats: Special operations forces in the globalized world*. Georgetown University Press.

Hybrid Warfare: Old Threats in a New Era" by Paul M. Davis

Davis, P. M. (2015). *Hybrid warfare: Old threats in a new era*. Military Strategy and Tactics.

"Countering Hybrid Threats: The Role of Strategic Communications" by Nicholas Gvosdev and Michael A. Cohen

Gvosdev, N., & Cohen, M. A. (Eds.). (2018). *Countering hybrid threats: The role of strategic communications*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Teaching Learning Strategies

1. Relevant material will be provided beforehand to the class both in printed and electronic form to match with the course contents designed
2. Reciprocal teaching method can be implemented to allow students a chance to speak their mind and discuss their problems
3. Brainstorming sessions will be encouraged with instructional scaffolding to allow students to develop their intellectual capabilities before being introduced to technical subjects
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.
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.

Assignments: Types and Number with Calendar

1. Week Four: Student report submission for previous lectures taught
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.