

# Pacific Security Issues

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**Course prefix:** INTA

**Course number:** 3131

**Section:** RNZ

**CRN**

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**Course description:**

This course examines security relations in Asia-Pacific. Following a discussion of World War II in the region, we will then take a closer look at Cold War security structures (hub-and-spokes relationships with the U.S.). Thereafter, we turn to the post-Cold War environment and will focus on both traditional and non-traditional security challenges (such as piracy, illegal trafficking of people and goods, infectious diseases, and environmental disasters) in the region. Core concepts such as non-interventionism, non-use of force, consensus decision-making, sovereignty, and the protection of human rights will feature prominently in our discussions. We will end the course with a simulation exercise, resembling a Model United Nations.

**Academic honesty/integrity statement:**

Students are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. All work submitted must be original and properly cited. Plagiarism, cheating, or any form of academic dishonesty will result in immediate consequences as outlined in the university's academic integrity policy.

**Core IMPACTS statement(s) (if applicable):**

**This is a Core IMPACTS course that is part of the Social Sciences area.**

Core IMPACTS refers to the core curriculum, which provides students with essential knowledge in foundational academic areas. This course will help students master course content, and support students' broad academic and career goals.

This course should direct students toward a broad Orienting Question:

- How do I understand human experiences and connections?

Completion of this course should enable students to meet the following Learning Outcome:

- Students will effectively analyze the complexity of human behavior, and how historical, economic, political, social, or geographic relationships develop, persist, or change.

Course content, activities and exercises in this course should help students develop the following Career-Ready Competencies:

- Intercultural Competence
- Perspective-Taking
- Persuasion