

Country SE	Institution Swedish National Defence University	Common Module Military Strategy and Security in the Baltic Sea Region (A)	ECTS 3.0
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Service ALL	Minimum Qualification for Lecturers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD in war studies or political science (international relations). • English: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B2 or NATO STANAG Level 3.
Language English	

Prerequisites for international participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B1 or NATO STANAG Level 2. • Admittance to basic officer's education. 	Goal of the Module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce students to the study area of international politics and military strategy. • Provide an understanding of Inter-national relations theory and its connections to key concepts within military strategy. • Introduce key concepts of military strategy and illustrate how different actors use military power to achieve their strategic ambitions.
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Learning outcomes	Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe central concepts in international relations as well as the construction, function of and central actors in the international system. • Describe basic concepts in military strategy and explain the use of military force in different areas.
	Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an overview of the military strategic situation in the Baltic Sea region.
	Competences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a shorter conflict analysis based on the theoretical perspectives introduced during the course.

Verification of learning outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test: Written assignment consisting of 1500 words delivered at the end of the module. • Seminar: Active participation in one seminar.
Grading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The course module applies the following grading criteria: pass with distinction, pass, or fail. • To pass with distinction, the cadet has to participate actively in the seminar and achieve the grade pass with distinction on the written assignment. • To pass, the cadet has to participate actively in the seminar and achieve the grade pass on the written assignment.

Module Details		
Main Topic	Recom- mended WH	Details
Lectures	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic concepts and theories concerning the international system and international relations. • Basic concepts of military strategy and their relation to international relations theory. • The use of force. • The military strategic situation in the Baltic Sea region.
Group work	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict analysis and the preparing of an oral presentation.
Seminar	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral presentation, presentation of own analysis and critique of other group's analyses.
Writing	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing of individual conflict analysis.
Self-studies	41	-
Total WH	80	The detailed amount of hours for the respective main topic is up to the course director according to national law or home institution's rules.

Remarks:

Literature for the module (in total approx. 400 pages):

- Nye, Joseph S. (2009). Understanding international conflicts: an introduction to theory and history. 7th ed. New York: Pearson Longman (selection of chapters).
- Echevarria, Antulio Joseph (2017). Military strategy: a very short introduction. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (130 pages).
- In addition to the two books there are three articles covering the situation in the Baltic Sea region.

List of Abbreviations:

CEFR Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
 CUP Cambridge University Press
 ECTS European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
 NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
 STANAG Standardization Agreement
 WH Working Hour