

International Fall Semester 2023

Geopolitics *English Language*



Military Academy of Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan

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<i>Dates</i>	Starts : 5 th September 2023 Ends : 23 rd January 2024 Arrival date : 4 th September 2023 (<u>Kindly respect this date</u>) <i>Dates might evolve</i>
<i>Student Requirements</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English language B1 or 785 TOEIC• Bachelor of science
<i>Application file</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application form• Medical Certificate• Reduced Medical Booklet• ID or Passport scan• 1 ID photograph <p><u>Applications must be sent no later than 30th June 2023.</u></p>
<i>Meals & Accommodation</i>	According to EMILYO-LoD 5 (framework), accommodation, meals, and other expenses in relation to the education are free of charge for members of European Union Basic Officer Education Institutions (http://www.emilyo.eu/node/982).

GEOPLOTICAL Semester in English : 576 h – 30 ECTS

Course module with Science Semester cadets : 32 h – 1 ECTS

Staff Ride to Normandy
16 h – 0 ECTS

French Defence Policy
16 h – 1 ECTS

Course module with Science semester cadets : 44 h – 4 ECTS

The Images of War
22 h – 2 ECTS

The Ethics of War
22 h – 2 ECTS

Specific Classes in English (French and Foreign Cadets) : 180 h – 16 ECTS

Strategic Studies – 6 ECTS

Russia Foreign Policy
22 h – 2 ECTS

The US – China Rivalry
22 h – 2 ECTS

The Indopacific Region
20 h – 2 ECTS

Regional Studies – 8 ECTS

Mediterranean Region
22 h – 2 ECTS

Security Challenge in Arctic
20 h – 2 ECTS

Geopolitics in Persian Gulf
20 h – 2 ECTS

German Foreign and Defence Policy
22 h – 2 ECTS

Security Studies – 2 ECTS

Defence and Security Issues
18 h – 2 ECTS

Eloquence and Leadership
14 h – 0 ECTS

Foreign cadets only : 244 h – 9 ECTS

French language (or 2nd language for French speaking cadets)
86 h – 4 ECTS

Border Security
22 h – 2 ECTS

General Culture Seminar
16 h – 1 ECTS

Geopolitics of Technology
20 h – 2 ECTS

Personal Work
68 h

Other activities
8 h

Courses Syllabus

COMMON CORE CURRICULUM

- **IMAGES OF WAR, Mrs EVELYNE GOT**

The aim of the course is to discover the weight of representations on the conduct of war. What are the relations between the graphic arts and war? How have arts been used to the conduct of war? How have officers used their technical skills to represent military situations?

- **TERRORISM IN AFRICA, COL MARC HUMBERT**

Radicalization: is there a possible reversal? What makes a terrorist? De-radicalization programs. A study of the area of operations: Physical and human geography of the Sahelian strip; Nigeria, Niger, Chad and Cameroon; The Lake Chad Basin; Violence or the plague of Nigeria. Players of the drama: Boko Haram; Other terrorist organizations; The local armed forces and their auxiliaries; The population; The authorities; The international community (UNO, UNHCR, UNICEF, EU); US, UK and France; NGOs (ICRC, others). A logic leading to catastrophe: Sequence of events. 2002 to 2009: a sect is born; 2009 to 2014: growing in secret; 2014 to 2017; rise and fall of the caliphate; since 2017: no way out.

- **FRENCH DEFENSE POLICY, Mr. BOURGET**

The course offers an overview of the French military. The various lectures focus on the current French Defense policy (including the most recent White Paper, and ongoing operations), the organization of the three services and their capabilities. A particular emphasis is laid on the Army (organization, recent engagements, equipment, Special Forces and the Foreign Legion).

SPECIALITY COURSES IN ENGLISH

STRATEGIC STUDIES

- **RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICY AND SECURITY, DR JULIEN NOCETTI**

The aim of this course is to provide officer cadets with the basis for strategic analysis of Russian power. Through the evolution of post-Soviet Russia since 1991 and the major strategic debates that have accompanied it, it provides tools for understanding the dialectic ambitions/capabilities related to the Russian case and Moscow's relations with various regional groups (United States, Europe, Asia-Pacific, and Middle East).

- **THE US-CHINA RIVALRY: FROM REGIONAL TENSIONS TO GLOBAL COMPETITION, Mrs. Alice EKMAN**

The US-China rivalry is very often mentioned as the very framework to understand the 21st geopolitics. The objective of the course is to focus on the different fields and levels of the US-China race for global leadership: military tensions, new dynamics in Asia, global strategies, regional economic partnership.

Teamwork, cooperative spirit and team communication skills will be required.

- **INDOPACIFIC, Mr. Edgar VINATIER**

The aim of the course is to have a study in depth of both concept and reality by focusing on main actors: states such as the US, China, India, Japan, Australia, France and the EU; regional organizations; TransNational Companies; NGOs and transnational organized crime. The key issues will be regional order, strategy and vision, diplomacy, policies, cooperation and integration, military tensions, piracy, terrorism, energy resources, natural resources, major shipping routes, submarine cables, migration patterns and remittances. The methodology is based on many case-studies of sub regions and strategic chokepoints: the Malacca Strait, the Taiwan Strait, the South China Sea, the East China Sea, the Indian Ocean, the horn of Africa and the Strait of Bad-el-Mandeb, the Strait of Hormuz, the Indian subcontinent, Australia, New-Zealand and the Pacific islands. Teamwork, cooperative spirit and team communication skills will be required.

REGIONAL STUDIES

- **MEDITERRANEAN REGION: NEW DYNAMICS AND NEW CHALLENGES, Mr. Edgar VINATIER**

The course is mainly about focusing on the new dynamics in the Mediterranean region, the new Mediterranean framework and the main regional players (the European Union, Turkey, Israel, Egypt...). Some of the key issues will be political and military security in the region, energy trade, cooperation and governance, environmental challenges and economic opportunities. Teamwork, cooperative spirit and team communication skills will be required.

- **SECURITY CHALLENGES IN ARTIC, Mr. Florian VIDAL**

Security in the Arctic is very often mentioned as a major issue. The aim of the course is to have a study in depth of the security challenges and policies in the Arctic region. Some of the key issues will be political and military cooperation, military exercises, tensions, economic integration, shipping and climate change.

GEOPOLITICS OF PERSIAN GULF, Mrs. Emma SOUBRIER

The aim of the course is to have a study in depth to the dynamics of change in the Persian Gulf by focusing on Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar or Iraq but also the alliances and partnerships with others actors outside the region. Some of the key issues will be political and military security in the region, arms trade cooperation and governance, challenges and opportunities. Teamwork, cooperative spirit and team communication skills will be required.

- **GERMAN FOREIGN AND DEFENSE POLICY**

The course is about Germany as a major security player: its new challenges, its partnerships, its leading role in the EU and among NATO members. The course will focus on its connections to the US, Russia and China.

SECURITY STUDIES

- **SECURITY AND DEFENSE ISSUES, PERSONAL THOUGHTS AND COMPARISON, Mr. Edgar VINATIER**

Cadets will have to write a piece of academic and scientific writing on a Security and Defense issue, to assess their understanding of specific ideas and give an evidenced and critical argumentation. Comparison between France and their respective countries shall be beneficial.

- **ELOQUENCE AND LEADERSHIP**

Cadets will work eloquence with an English language trainer, a public speaking specialist and image consultant: communication, personal image, and team building.

FOREIGN CADETS ONLY

- **BORDER SECURITY**

As a site of boundaries and flows, borders are an excellent starting point for observing and understanding contemporary political and epistemic reconfigurations of social relations in the field of international security. History has shown that borders have been at the center of security interests, have sparked wars and have shaped and destabilized states, nations and, more generally, identities. The intensification of globalization and the proliferation of technological solutions to human problems have created new geopolitical issues and challenges, particularly for states. This module proposes to explore what security does to the border and what borders do to security as a concept, practice and policy. It will introduce the main concepts and theoretical approaches to border security and offer a critical analysis of contemporary border security, with a focus on France and EU governance. Students will be invited to read, analyse and discuss specific case studies and scientific articles. The module will end with a crisis management simulation exercise.

- **GENERAL CULTURE SEMINAR**

The course offers an introduction to French culture through a mix of lectures and interactive presentations. The latter focus on French history (historical figures and landmarks), geography (continental France and French overseas territories), politics, arts and art de vivre. The objective is to make foreign cadets more familiar with the specific challenges French society is facing, and allow them to understand their allies a little better.

- **GEOPOLITICS OF TECHNOLOGY**

This course is meant to focus on the geopolitical dimensions of technology in the 21st century: new dynamics, new challenges and new players. It is based on updated case studies.

Application file documents:

- Application Form (p.7)
- Medical Certificate (p. 8)
- Reduced Medical Booklet (p. 9 – p.10)

Application Form

Military Academy of Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan

Country of Origin:	
Name of the Institute:	

Please attach your
head-and-
shoulder
photograph data.

Course selected:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Geopolitical Science (ENG)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Geopolitical Sciences (FR) – Major : _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Science (ENG)

Male	Female	Rank	Surname	First name

Date of birth	Place of birth	Branch of Service	Major academic Field	Academic Year

Passport number	Phone number	e-mail address
ID number	Current address	

Arrival at Rennes Airport (yes/no)	Arrival at Rennes rail station (yes/no)	Arrival date (dd/mm/yy)	Time of arrival
Departure from Rennes Airport (yes/no)	Departure from Rennes rail station (yes/no)	Departure date (dd/mm/yy)	Time of departure

Special dietary or food requirements

Emergency contact/ Liaison staff:				
Male	Female	Rank	Surname	First name
POC's phone number			POC's e-mail address	

FRENCH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

MILITARY HEALTH SERVICE

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE
(n°620-4/1)

SURNAME :

FIRST NAME :

Birth date :

Rank :

<i>APTITUDES</i>	<i>Medical decision</i>
General	
Abroad & overseas	
Paratrooper	
Commando	

Job's restriction details (if needed)	
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CONCLUSION:

Date:

Aptitude without restrictions

Aptitude with restrictions

Inability

Practitioner's signature & stamp:

Reduced Medical Booklet

Surname:

First Name:

Birth Date:

Rank:

Medical Background

- Family :

- Medical :

- Surgical :

- Allergy :

Treatment :

Current Medical condition :

Job's incapacity :

Height:

Weight:

Blood Pressure:

Pulse:

VACCINATION:

TYPE	Date of 1st injection	2nd injection	3rd injection
BCG			
Diphtheria-Tetanus- Polio-Pertussis			
Meningitis (A + C)			
Hepatitis B			
Measles-Mumps- Rubella			
INFLUENZA (H1N1 and seasonal)			
Meningococcal Tetravalent (A + C + Y + W135)			
Typhoid			
Hepatitis A			
Yellow fever			

Date :

Practitioner's stamp and signature :