

## Common Module Military Strategy (A) Module Description

Implementation Group

Doc.: Date :

Origin: SNDU

Country	Institution	Common Module	ECTS
SE	Swedish National Defence University	Military Strategy and Security in the Baltic Sea Region (A)	3.0

Service	Minimum Qualification for Lecturers	
ALL	PhD in war studies or political science (international relations).	
Language English	English: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B2 or NATO STANAG Level 3.	
SQF MILOF	Competence area - International Security/Diplomacy Actor Learning area - International relations Organisation level - Single Arm/Branch	

### Prerequisites for international participants:

- English: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B1 or NATO STANAG Level 2.
- Admittance to basic officer's education.

#### **Contents of the Module**

- International politics and military strategy.
- International relations theory and its connections to key concepts within military strategy.
- Key concepts of military strategy
- How different actors use military power to achieve their strategic ambitions.

tcomes	Knowledge	<ul> <li>Describe central concepts in international relations as well as the construction, function of and central actors in the international system.</li> <li>Describe basic concepts in military strategy and explain the use of military force in different areas.</li> </ul>
ng Ou	Skills	Provide an overview of the military strategic situation in the Baltic Sea region.
Learni	Responsibility and Autonomy	Conduct a shorter conflict analysis based on the theoretical perspectives introduced during the course.

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#### **Verification of learning outcomes**

- Test: Written assignment consisting of 1500 words delivered at the end of the module.
- Seminar: Active participation in one seminar.

#### Grading

- 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.



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Module Details				
Main Topic	Recom- mended WH	Details		
		<ul> <li>Basic concepts and theories concerning the international system and international relations.</li> </ul>		
Lectures	15	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	Conflict analysis and the preparing of an oral presentation.		
Seminar	2	<ul> <li>Oral presentation, presentation of own analysis and critique of other group's analyses.</li> </ul>		
Writing	16	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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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
Cambridge University Press	CUP
European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System	ECTS
North Atlantic Treaty Organisation	NATO
Standardization Agreemen	STANAG
Working Hou	WH