



## Course Syllabus

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>ECTS Credits</b>
MIR-681DE	Asymmetric Threats	10
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Semester</b>
None	Politics and Governance	Fall/Spring
<b>Type of Course</b>	<b>Field</b>	<b>Language of Instruction</b>
Elective	International Relations	English/Greek
<b>Level of Course</b>	<b>Lecturer(s)</b>	<b>Year of Study</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle	Dr. Giorgos Kentas	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Mode of Delivery</b>	<b>Work Placement</b>	<b>Co-requisites</b>
Distance Learning	N/A	None

### Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

Introduce students to the complexity of asymmetric threats and warfare. It looks into the strategy and tactics of different belligerents whose relative power differs significantly. The use of unconventional weapons and the tactics employed in warfare with this kind of means is also taken into account. Special emphasis is given to issues of Information Warfare, Air Power, Sea Power and Land Power. US reaction asymmetric threats is thoroughly examined, as well as other case studies are considered.

### Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Illustrate a comprehension of the main problems of asymmetric threats.
2. Analyse and evaluate theoretical claims about asymmetric threats.
3. Demonstrate skills in understanding the logics and contradictions of strategies, tactics and responses to asymmetric threats.
4. Illustrate a full understanding of terrorism as an asymmetric threat.
5. Demonstrate extensive knowledge of the research methods used in the field of asymmetric threats.
6. Communicate in English language both orally and in written form at a high level of competence.
7. Use IT skills (word processing, Internet and e-mail) as study and communication tools.

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| 8. | Have the learning skills to allow them to partake in research of international phenomena with a minimal amount of assistance. |
| 9. | Make efficient use of libraries, bibliographical material and academic research   |

**Course Content:**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Asymmetric Warfare</li> <li>2. The Terrorist Asymmetric Adversary</li> <li>3. Asymmetry an Information Warfare</li> <li>4. Asymmetry and Air Power</li> <li>5. Asymmetry and Sea Power</li> <li>6. Asymmetry and Land Power</li> <li>7. US response to asymmetric threats</li> <li>8. Other case studies</li> </ol> |
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**Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Lectures, Discussion, Individual Guidance
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**Assessment Methods:**

Presentation, Essay, Final Exam
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**Required Textbooks / Reading:**

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Asymmetric Warfare: Threat and Response in the 21st Century	Rod Thornton	Cambridge: Polity Press	2007	978-0-745-63365-7

**Recomended Textbooks / Reading:**

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
The Complexity of Modern Asymmetric Warfare	Max Manwaring and Edwin Corr	Oklahoma: University of Oklahoma Press	2012	978-0-806-14265-4