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Introduction: The course will be a substitute for the SEC 6312 course.

Course Description: The Globalization and International Security (GIS) course will examine how globalization affects the policies, economies, societies, and militaries of both state and non-state actors on the regional and world stage. While globalization has had many benefits since the end of World War II, it has also created "haves and have-nots", radical religious and political ideologies, and ethnic conflict in regions affecting the national security of the developed and developing world. This course will conduct important studies that examine how the interconnected world creates differing realities for various nation-states and regions, and what the potential is for the future. The core question of this course is whether globalization promotes security or fosters more insecurity and hyperconflict.

Background: This course provides some preliminary answers to the question: What is the nexus between globalization and security? The answers include a brief look at nine of the major themes in the studies of war and peace: national security, democratic peace, peace through trade, ethnopolitical fragmentation, the weak state, warlordism, resource wars, greed and grievance, and new wars. The intent is to establish a new baseline for discussing globalization and security and the novel reference point is crafted around the concept of coercive globalization.

Required Books

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Lesson Objectives for Directed Studies Course:

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As a result of completing this course, the student will be able to:

Objective One: Analyze the nexus between globalization, international security, and hyperconflict.

Objective Two: Examine select case studies detailing the interactions between hypercompetition, hyperpower, hyperconflict, and globalization.

Objective Three: Evaluate the potential future international security ramifications of globalization.

Assessment: You will write one 25 page essay in order to satisfy the lesson objectives.

Student Signature

Date

Faculty Signature

Date