



## Course Syllabus Irregular Warfare

Irreguljär krigföring

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| <b>Course Code</b>         | 1FK051                            | <b>Main Field of Study</b>     | War Studies  |
| <b>Valid from Semester</b> | Autumn 2020                       | <b>Department</b>              | Department of Security, Strategy and Leadership  |
| <b>Education Cycle</b>     | Basic level                       | <b>Subject</b>                 | War Studies  |
| <b>Scope</b>               | 10.0                              | <b>Language of Instruction</b> | The teaching is conducted in English.  |
| <b>Progression</b>         | G1N                               | <b>Decided by</b>              | The Research and Education Board's Course Syllabus Committee at the Swedish Defence University |
| <b>Grading Scale</b>       | Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction | <b>Decision date</b>           | 2019-12-17   |
| <b>Revision</b>            | 1.1                               |                                |  |

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### Entry Requirements

Social Science and English B.

### Course Content and Structure

The aim of the course is to give students a broader understanding of the central themes and concepts associated with irregular warfare. The course provides an introduction to the challenges of irregular warfare (including hybrid warfare) in contemporary, as well as historic, contexts from national and international perspectives.

During the course political and strategic consequences of irregular warfare, including international military, interventions are problematized from different viewpoints. Furthermore, aspects of human security (principally civilian protection) during irregular warfare with particular focus on cultural and gender related perspectives will as well be addressed during the course.

### Intended Learning Outcomes

After completed course the student should be able to:

#### Knowledge and comprehension

- account for central concepts in irregular warfare, including hybrid warfare.

#### Skills and abilities

- problematize central ideas within the academic discourse on irregular warfare and analyse political and strategic consequences during conflicts where forces conduct irregular warfare.

#### Evaluation and competences

- analyse aspects of human security, including the importance of one's own and other contexts from different cultural and gender related perspectives.

### Type of Instruction

Seminars

Lectures

Independent Study

### Assessment

Irregular Warfare

Scope: 10.0

Grading Scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction

The examination consists of two parts: active and constructive participation in compulsory seminars and an individual written assignment.

Active participation in the seminars presupposes that the student orally discusses key issues and problems within the framework of the course based on the course literature.

The examiner may decide that absence from a seminar or participation that does not achieve the grade pass (G) in certain cases can be supplemented with a complementary written assignment. Such an assignment must be submitted or presented within three working days, as from when the examiner communicates such information.

In the case of not fulfilling the requirements for the grade pass (G) on the written examination the student may be given a complementary written assignment to achieve the grade pass (G). The student has three working days to complete such task, unless there are special reasons approved by the examiner. Late examinations are not graded unless there are special reasons approved by the examiner.

### **Grading**

Grades will be set according to a three-point scale: Pass with distinction (VG), Pass (G), Fail (U). Grading criteria are stated in the course description.

In order to achieve the grade pass (G) on the course, it is required that the student has completed the requirements for active participation at the seminars, and that the grade pass has been achieved on the individual written assignment.

In order to achieve the grade pass with distinction (VG) on the course, it is required that the student has completed the requirements for pass and that the grade pass with distinction has been achieved on the individual written assignment.

### **Restrictions in Number of Examinations**

No limitation on the number of examination opportunities.

### **Restrictions Concerning Degree**

The course cannot be part of a degree whose content is wholly or partly in accordance with the content of this course.

### **Transitional Provisions**

When the course is no longer given, or when the course content changes significantly, the student has the right to be examined once per semester during a three-semester period according to this course syllabus.

### **Miscellaneous**

If a student has a decision from the Swedish National Defence University for special educational support due to any functional variation, the examiner may decide on alternative forms of examination for the student.

The course can be given as an independent course and also as part of the Swedish Defence University's Bachelor program.

Course evaluations are carried out after each completed course through the course coordinator and is the basis for any changes to the course.

This is a modified version of the syllabus, created to transfer the original to the education database Kursinfo. For originals, contact the archive.



**Reading List**  
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| <b>Revision</b>                     | 1.1    |
| <b>Reading List Valid from Date</b> | --     |
| <b>Reading List Decided Date</b>    | --     |

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- Arquilla, John (2018) "Perils of the Gray Zone: Paradigms Lost, Paradoxes Regained", *Prism*, 7:3, 118-129 (11 pages).
- Beccaro, Andrea (2018) "Modern Irregular Warfare: The ISIS Case Study" *Small Wars & Insurgencies* 29:2, 207-228 (21 pages).
- Berdal, Mats (2019) "NATO's landscape of the mind: Stabilisation and Statebuilding in Afghanistan" *Ethnopolitics* 18:5, 526-543 (17 pages).
- Bjarnesen, Mariam (forthcoming August 2020) "Once a rebel, always a rebel? Ex-combatants and postwar identities" *Repurposed Rebels – Postwar rebel networks in Liberia*, chap. 5, University of Georgia Press, pp. 116-143 (26 pages).
- Braithwaite, Alex and Luna B Ruiz (2018) "Female combatants, forced recruitment and civil conflict outcomes" *Research and Politics* April – June, 1-7 (7 pages).
- Coulter, Chris (2008) "Female Fighters in the Sierra Leone War: Challenging the Assumptions" *Feminist Review* 88:1, 54-73 (19 pages).
- Crandall, Russel (2014) "Irregular Warfare 101" in *Americas Dirty Wars: Irregular warfare from 1776 to the war on terror*, Cambridge University Press, pp: 15-26 (11 pages).
- Duyvesteyn, Isabelle (2011) "Hearts and Minds, Cultural Awareness and Good Intelligence: The Blueprint for Successful Counterinsurgency?" *Intelligence and National Security* 26:4, 445-459 (14 pages).
- Eck, Kristine (2014) "Coercion in rebel recruitment" *Security Studies* 23:2, 364-398 (34 pages).
- Flisi, Isabella (2016) "The reintegration of former combatants in Colombia: addressing violent masculinities in a fragile context" *Gender & Development* 24:3, 391-407 (16 pages).
- Fjelde, Hanne, Lisa Hultman, and Desirée Nilsson (2019) "Protection Through Presence: UN Peacekeeping and the Costs of Targeting Civilians," *International Organization*, 73:1, 103-131 (28 pages).
- Galeotti, Mark (2016) "Hybrid, Ambiguous, and Non-linear? How New is Russia's 'New Way of War'?", *Small Wars & Insurgencies* 27:2, 282-301 (20 pages).
- Gonzalez, Roberto J. (2007) "Towards mercenary anthropology? The new US Army counterinsurgency manual FM 3-24 and the military-anthropology complex" *Anthropology Today* 23:4, 14-23 (9 pages).
- Gray, Collin S. (2007) "Irregular Warfare: One nature many characters" *Strategic Studies Quarterly* 1:2, 35-57 (22 pages).
- Henshaw, Alexis Leanna (2016) "Where women rebel: Patterns of women's participation in armed rebel groups 1990-2008" *International Feminist Review* 18:1, 39-60 (21 pages).
- Hoffman, Frank (2009) "Hybrid Warfare and Challenges", *JFQ*, 52:1, 34-39. (6 pages).
- Hunt, Charles T. (2017) "All Necessary Means to What Ends? The Unintended Consequences of the 'Robust Turn' in UN Peace Operations," *International Peacekeeping* 24:1, 108-131 (23 pages).
- Karlborg, Lisa (2014) "Enforced Hospitality: Local Perceptions of the Legitimacy of International Forces in Afghanistan, *Civil Wars*, 16:4, 425-448 (23 pages).
- Karlsrud, Johan (2015) "The UN at War: Examining the Consequences of Peace-Enforcement Mandates for the UN Peacekeeping Operations in the CAR, the DRC and Mali" *Third World Quarterly*, 36:1, 40-54 (14 pages).
- Keen, David (2006) "War without end? Magic, propaganda and the hidden functions of counter-terror" *Journal of International Development* 18, 87-104 (17 pages).
- Khalili, Laleh (2011) "Gendered practices of counterinsurgencies", *Review of International Studies* 37:4, 1471-1491 (20 pages).

- Kilcullen, David (2007) "Ethics, politics and non-state warfare – A response to Gonzalez in this issue" *Anthropology Today* 23:4, 20 (1 page).
- Kilcullen, David, (2010) "Intelligence", in Eds. Thomas Rid and Thomas Keaney, *Understanding Counterinsurgency: Doctrine, Operations, and Challenges*, Routledge, pp. 141–159 (19 pages)
- Käihkö, Ilmari (2018) "A nation-in-the-making, in arms: control of force, strategy and the Ukrainian Volunteer Battalions" *Defence Studies* 18:2, 147-166 (19 pages).
- Käihkö, Ilmari (2019) "The Russo-Ukrainian War and the art of opportunism" *Kungl. Krigsvetenskapsakademiens Handlingar och Tidskrift*, 2, 166-170 (4 pages).
- Käihkö, Ilmari (2018) "War as Nothing but a Duel: War as an Institution and the Construction of the Western Military Profession" *Journal of Military Studies* X.X, 1–13. <https://doi.org/10.2478/jms-2018-0003>. (13 pages).
- Laastad Dyvik, Synne (2014) "Women as 'Practitioners' and 'Targets'" *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, 16:3, 410–429. (30 pages).
- Larsdotter, Kersti (2014) "Fighting Transnational Insurgents: The South African Defence Forces in Namibia, 1966-1989" *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 37:12, 1024-1038 (14 pages).
- Larsdotter, Kersti (2014) "Regional Support for Afghan Insurgents: Challenges for Counterinsurgency Theory and Doctrine," *Journal of Strategic Studies* 37:1, 135–162 (28 pages).
- Malyarenko, Tetyana (2018) "A Gradually Escalating Conflict: Ukraine from the Euromaidan to the war with Russia", in Eds. Codell, Karl and Stefan Wolff, *The Routledge handbook of Ethnic Conflict*, Second Edition, Routledge, pp: 349-368 (19 pages).
- Mansoor, Peter R. (2012) "Introduction: Hybrid Warfare in history" in Eds. Murray, Williamson and Peter Mansoor, *Hybrid Warfare: Fighting Complex Opponents from the Ancient World to the Present*, Cambridge University Press, chap. 1. (18 pages).
- Maurer, Thomas (2018) "ISIS's Warfare Functions: A Systemized Review of a Proto-state's Conventional Conduct of Combat Operations", *Small Wars & Insurgencies* 29:2, 229–244 (16 pages).
- McBride, Keally and Annick T. R. Wibben (2012) "The Gendering of Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan" *Humanity* 3:3, 199–215 (17 pages).
- Miron, Miranda (2019) "On irregular wars, insurgencies and how to counter them: enemy and population-centric approaches in comparative perspectives", *Colombian Journal of Military and Strategic Studies* 17:27, 457-480 (23 pages).
- Osumah, Oarhe (2013) "Boko Haram insurgency and the vicious cycle of internal security" *Small Wars & Insurgencies* 24:3, 536-560 (24 pages).
- Porch, Douglas (2011) "The dangerous myths and dubious promise of COIN" *Small Wars Journal* 22:02, 239-257 (18 pages).
- Renz, Bettina (2016) "Russia and 'hybrid warfare'" *Contemporary Politics* 22:3, 283-300 (17 pages).
- Scheipers, Sibylle (2014) "'Unlawful combatants' The West's Treatment of Irregular Fighters in the 'War in Terror'" *Orbis* 58:4, 566-583 (17 pages).
- Schroden, Jonathan J. (2009) "Measures for security in a Counterinsurgency" *Journal of Strategic Studies* 32:5, 715-744 (29 pages)
- Sjoberg, Laura (2018) "Jihadi brides and female volunteers: Reading the Islamic State's war to see gender and the agency in conflict dynamics" *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 35:3, 296-311 (15 pages).
- Smith, M.L.R (2012) "Escalation in Irregular War: Using Strategic Theory to Examine from First Principles" *Journal of Strategic Studies* 35:5, 613-637 (23 pages).
- Smith, M.L.R (2003) "Guerillas in the mist: reassessing strategy and low intensity warfare" *Review of International Studies* 29, 19-37 (18 pages).
- Utas, Mats and Magnus Jörgel (2008) "The West Side Boys: military navigation in the Sierra Leone civil war", *The Journal of Modern African Studies*, 46:3, 487-511 (24 pages).
- Whalan, Jeni (2017) "The Local Legitimacy of Peacekeepers," *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, 11: 3, 306–320 (14 pages).
- Özdem, Alpaslan (2010) "Insurgency militias and DDR as part of security sector reconstruction in Iraq: how not to do it" *Disasters* 34:1, 40-59 (19 pages).
- Özdem, Alpaslan and Sukanya Podder (2012) "Disarming Youth Combatants: Mitigating Youth Radicalization and Violent Extremism" *Journal of Strategic Studies* 4:4, 63-80 (17 pages).

Additional readings of approximately 100 pages might be included during the course.