The Politics of Trade and Security

Time: Thursday 12:30 - 3:15
Place: Candler 117
Instructor: Joshua Massey
Email: jnmassey@uga.edu
Office Hours: Thursday 3:30 – 4:30 and by appointment

Course Summary

This graduate seminar introduces students to the intersection of strategic trade and national and international security through a detailed examination of U.S. domestic and international strategic trade controls. The thrust of the course is decidedly policy-relevant in nature. The seminar is divided into three sections. Section I provides an historical perspective of export controls through an examination of the origins and demise of the Coordinating Committee (CoCom). Section II turns to U.S. domestic legislation, regulations, and agencies. In the second section students will closely examine the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR). Section III focuses on the contemporary Multilateral Export Control Regimes (MECR). In the third section students will examine the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), Missile Technology Control Regime (MCTR), Wassenaar Arrangement (WA), Australia Group (AG) and United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (UNSCR 1540). Throughout the course students will be challenged to think in terms of praxis. The training received in this seminar is designed to prepare students for internships and careers across the export control and broader international policy community to include, the U.S. government, international organizations, and private industry. In addition to class discussions and course work, the seminar will include visits from a variety of external speakers with experience working in the field of strategic trade management to offer both policy perspectives and career advice.

Readings

All readings for this course are accessible through the University of Georgia library system or will be provided by the instructor. There is a reasonable reading load for the course. Reading assignments are listed on the syllabus the day they will be discussed in class. Each student is expected to complete the required readings and be prepared to participate actively in discussions.

Course Requirements and Grading Components

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Requirement</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
<th>Due Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Professionalism</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>Weekly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Presentation and Report #1</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>Jan 30th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Presentation and Report #2</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>Feb 20th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Presentation and Report #3</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>Mar 26th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Presentation and Report #4</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>Apr 23rd</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Grading Scale

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Score Range</th>
<th>Grade</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>92.00 to 100.00</td>
<td>A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>90.00 to 91.99</td>
<td>A-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>88.00 to 89.99</td>
<td>B+</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>82.00 to 87.99</td>
<td>B</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>80.00 to 81.99</td>
<td>B-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>78.00 to 79.99</td>
<td>C+</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>72.00 to 77.99</td>
<td>C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>70.00 to 71.99</td>
<td>C-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>68.00 to 69.99</td>
<td>D+</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>62.00 to 67.99</td>
<td>D</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>60.00 to 61.99</td>
<td>D-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Below 60.00</td>
<td>F</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Professionalism

A student’s professionalism grade is determined by one’s class participation, attitude toward and enthusiasm for the topic and assignments, contribution to lectures and discussion, engagement in group activities, personal conduct and correspondence with all class members. Finally, attendance and punctuality are the hallmarks of professionalism. **Unexcused absences will result in a one letter decrease in the student’s final grade.**

Presentations and Reports

There are four presentations and reports. These presentations and reports will focus on specific topics within the field of strategic trade management. Presentation and report #1 will address U.S. strategic trade control agencies and programs. Presentation and report #2 will focus on countries designated for embargoes and special controls as outlined in EAR Part 746. Presentation and report #3 will be a case study examining U.S. export control penalties and violations. Presentation and report #4 will address emerging issues in strategic trade. Each presentation should range between 10-15 minutes and each report should be between 4-5 pages. Students must provide the instructor with an electronic copy via email (jnmassey@uga.edu) and a hard copy of each presentation and report no later than the beginning of class on the due date (see “Course Requirements and Grading Components for due dates).

Administrative Issues

**The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.** Please contact me during the first week of the term if you have a conflict that will prevent you from attending class or completing an assignment on the scheduled date. Make-up assignments are only offered for university-excused absences.

All academic work must meet the standards contained in the University of Georgia’s “Culture of Honesty” (http://www.uga.edu/honesty/ahpd/culture_honesty.htm). You are responsible to inform yourself about those standards before performing any academic work. My policy for academic dishonesty is very simple: Don’t plagiarize: If you turn in a written assignment that is (in part) not your own work you will receive a failing grade for the course. Disciplinary proceedings to dismiss you from the University may be initiated against you. I will not tolerate academic dishonesty.

The University of Georgia seeks to provide students with disabilities the opportunity to fully participate in educational programs and services. In keeping with this philosophy, it is University policy that students with documented disabilities receive reasonable accommodations through access to classroom information. If you require special accommodations because of a university-documented condition, please contact me during the first two weeks of the semester and we can work with the Disability Resource Center in order to achieve a positive outcome.
Important Dates
January 7th – 13th: Drop Add
February 28th: Midterm
March 20th: Withdrawal Deadline
March 9th – 13th: Spring Break
April 28th: Classes End

Course Overview: The syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

Week 1, January 9th
Course Introduction and Overview

Section I: Historical Perspective

Week 2, January 16th
The Origins, Successes, Failures, and Demise of the Coordinating Committee (CoCom)

Readings:

Daily Bugle Weekly Summary

Section II: Domestic Agencies and Regulations

Week 3, January 23rd
Topic: Contemporary Strategic Export Control: Export Administration Regulations (EAR) Scope and Exceptions

Readings:
Export Administration Regulations (EAR), Part 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740.

Daily Bugle Weekly Summary
**Week 4, January 30th**

Topic: Contemporary Strategic Export Control: Export Administration Regulations (EAR)

Control Policy

Presentation and Report #1: U.S. Strategic Trade Control Agencies and Programs

Readings:

- Export Administration Regulations (EAR), Part 742, 743, 744, 745.
- Daily Bugle Weekly Summary

**Week 5, February 6th**

Guest Speaker: Dina Molaison, Senior International Trade Specialist, U.S. Commercial Service, International Trade Administration (ITA), Department of Commerce

Readings:

- Daily Bugle Weekly Summary

**Week 6, February 13th**

Export Controls and Academia

Guest Speaker: Juan Hernandez, Export Control Specialist, The George Washington University

Readings:

- Charatsis, Christos. 2017. “Dual Use Research and Trade Controls: Opportunities and
  Controversies,” Strategic Trade Review, 3(4): 47-68.
- Daily Bugle Weekly Summary

**Week 7, February 20th**

Presentation #2: Team Embargo and Sanction Reports

Readings:

- EAR Part 746
- Daily Bugle Weekly Summary

**Week 8, February 27th**

Center for International Trade and Security – DOS Cooperative Threat Reduction Event: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Week 9, March 5th
Topic: Contemporary Strategic Export Control: International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR)

Readings:

March 12th
Spring Break
Center for International Trade and Security Student D.C. Trip

Week 10, March 19th

Week 11, March 26th
Presentation #3: Penalties and Violations Case Study

Guest Speaker: Sam McCoy, International Trade Compliance Analyst, Sierra Nevada Corporation

Readings:
  Daily Bugle Weekly Summary

Section III: Multilateral Export Control Regimes

Week 12, April 2nd
Multilateral Export Control Regimes I: Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)

Readings:
Week 13, April 2nd
Multilateral Export Control Regimes II: Wassenaar Arrangement (WA), Australia Group (AG), United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (UNSCR 1540)

Guest Speaker: Igor Khripunov, CITS Nonresident Fellow, Former Senior Editor 1540 Compass

Readings:

Daily Bugle Weekly Summary

Week 14, April 9th
Emerging Challenges in Strategic Trade

Readings:

Daily Bugle Weekly Summary

Week 15, April 23rd
Presentation #4: Emerging Issues in Strategic Trade