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Course Code: PPOL6182	**Course Title**: Emerging Security Challenges	
Trimester: 3	**Course Type**: Elective	**Credits**: 3
Home Program(s): MPP	**Batch/Academic Year**: 2023-2025	
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Course Description

The course aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of emerging security challenges arising from a rapidly changing global environment to familiarize students with main themes in security studies, with special emphasis on India's security policy and interests.

The course begins with a broad overview of global security issues, including conventional and non-conventional challenges and includes security challenges faced by India with special focus on policies and decision-making. The course is complemented by specific case studies with interactive sessions with students thus providing a solid grounding on concepts and their practical application which are useful in a variety of situations.

Learning Objectives

1. Analyze critically the emerging security challenges and the concomitant policy responses.
2. Examine the role and responsibility of various stakeholders.
3. Explore alternative options for better policy preparedness to deal with new emerging threats in the long term.

Course Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. analyze through various frameworks emerging security challenges.
   and their implications for security, development, and growth at international and national levels.
2. acquire understanding of various security challenges impacting on India and the policies in place to address them.
3. Sharpen skill sets to assess the impact of emerging threats useful for further engagement with the security policy community relevant to public policy.

Course Schedule

Unit I	Sessions: 5	**Overview of emerging security challenges at global and regional levels**
Power and changing concepts of national security, traditional and non-traditional security challenges, Black Swan and Grey Rhino events. New technologies and actors; risk analysis; strategic intelligence; foresight, and forecasting.		
Unit II	Sessions: 5	**Traditional security challenges**
Drivers of global instability; unipolarity to multipolarity; continental and maritime security, weapons of mass destruction; hybrid war; alliances, regional security; United Nations Security Council and Int law.		
Unit III	Sessions: 5	**Non-traditional security challenges**
Terrorism, piracy, organized crime, climate change, energy security, new technology; cyber and space, AI, autonomous weapons, drones, migration, and demographics, deglobalization -economic war and sanctions; pandemics; regional and international response.		
Unit IV	Sessions: 5	**India's major national security challenges**
Borders, extremism and terrorism, narcotics, fake currency, insurgencies, pandemics and health security, migration, and refugees; India's policy and institutional response. Regional and international dimensions.		
Unit V	Sessions: 4	**Case Studies- indicative list**
- Mumbai terrorist attack; Kandahar hijacking. -Exxon Valdez; Bhopal gas tragedy. - South China Sea; Taiwan - India-China border dispute - Russia-Ukraine war; Middle east conflict - G20 summit and global challenges - sanctions and response - Houthis and maritime security -insurgencies and armed non-state groups. -cyber and space debris threats. -climate change and critical energy choices -migration, refugees, and security - new technologies and security- AI, semiconductors etc.		