

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

## Security and strategic theory 877 (SEC 877)

**Qualification** Postgraduate

**Faculty** [Faculty of Humanities](#)

**Module credits** 30.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Programmes** [MA \(Security Studies\) \(Coursework\)](#)

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

**Contact time** 1 lecture per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Political Sciences

**Period of presentation** Semester 1 or Semester 2

### Module content

A critical analysis of the development of security theory and competing perspectives of security, in response to changing power configurations and security threats in the contemporary international system. This includes alternative frameworks for security cooperation at a regional and global level. Against this background, the evolution of strategic thought, the nature and role of principles of strategy and the concept of strategic doctrine are analysed. The contemporary application of the principles of strategy is discussed, and post-cold war thinking on strategy, security and war is addressed including the use of non-military coercion such as economic sanctions.

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