INTRODUCTION

This course is an introduction to the basic concepts, theoretical debates, and issues on National Security. The course is divided into four sections. In the first part, we are going to look at major theoretical approaches to the study of national security and their critics. We are also going to examine some of the more recent approaches and the theoretical debates around them. In the second part, we are going to look at the US national security establishment, the major actors and institutions involved and how decisions are made. In the third section, we will examine the changing nature of security threats since the end of the Cold War and especially since September 11. In the last part, we will look at the security concerns in different regions of the world, such as Europe, Middle East and East Asia and how these relate to the US. Finally, we will talk about the limitations of the notion of ‘national’ security and the prospects for global security.

REQUIREMENTS:

Students are required to attend each class and do the assigned readings prior to the class. Students are responsible for all readings on the syllabus, regardless of whether or not it is covered in the class. There may be changes to the syllabus during the semester and students are responsible for these changes. This course is a combination of lecture and discussion so students are highly encouraged to ask questions and participate in the discussions during the times allocated for class discussion. Attendance and participation will be worth 15% of your overall grade.

Students will also be given a mid-term and a final exam. These exams will be in-class, composed of identifications and essays. The mid-term is worth 35% and the final exam is worth 50% of your final grade. The exams will cover both the reading material and the lectures.
REQUIRED READINGS

Textbooks:

Three textbooks are assigned for this class:

**U.S. National Security: Policymakers, Processes, and Politics:**
Sam C. Sarkesian, John Allen Williams, Stephen J. Cimbala;
Lynne Rienner Publishers, 3rd Edition

**American National Security:**
Amos A. Jordan, William J. Taylor Jr., Michael J. Mazarr, Sam Nunn,
The Johns Hopkins University Press; 5th edition

**National Security for a New Era: Globalization and Geopolitics:**
Donald M. Snow;
Harper Collins College, 2003

Online Articles:

Please note that all the additional reading for the class is available online. Please follow the links on the syllabus to read the articles online. For easier access to the links, an online version of this syllabus will be available at the NYU Politics website.

If the link in the syllabus is unavailable, look up the article by the full citation listed on the syllabus using the databases available through NYU Library. Most articles are available through JSTOR or Ingenta. If you have difficulty locating an article, go to Bobst webpage (http://library.nyu.edu/), chose articles via databases; in databases by title, find Article First; connect, and search for the article by title or author name. Once you find the article, choose NYU libraries at external resources, and the pop-up window will show you all the available sources for the full text.

Remote Access to NYU Libraries and Online Sources

Students can gain access to NYU research engines through NYU Home. Log in to your account and follow the “research” links. If NYU Home is down, you can still access the library information sources from a computer system attached to NYU’s network, through the library web page (http://library.nyu.edu/)

If you would like to access NYU libraries and some of the online journals from a remote area (like home), you will need to configure your internet browser to permit full access from an external connection using NYU’s proxy server. See attachment below for detailed instructions on how to do this. It is easy. If you need assistance, contact ITS by phone at (212) 998-3333 or by email at its.clientservices@nyu.edu
Go to: http://www.nyu.edu/its/faq/connecting/proxy.html
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September 7: Introduction

I) Theoretical Dimensions

September 12: National Security and National Interest: Basic concepts
* Sarkesian, 3-22
* Jordan 3-23
* Snow 155-179

The Security Puzzle: Theory-Building and Discipline-Building in International Security
Helga Haftendorn
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0020-8833%28199103%2935%3A1%3C3%3ATSPTAD%3E2.0.CO%3B2-C

The Paradigm Debate in International Relations and Its Implications for Foreign Policy Making: Toward a Redefinition of the "National Interest"
J. Martin Rochester
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0043-4078%28197803%2931%3A1%3C48%3ATPDIIR%3E2.0.CO%3B2-4

September 14: Realism

The Mainsprings of American Foreign Policy: The National Interest vs. Moral Abstractions
Hans J. Morgenthau
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0003-0554%28195012%2944%3A4%3C833%3ATMOAFP%3E2.0.CO%3B2-A

The Origins of War in Neorealist Theory
Kenneth N. Waltz
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0022-1953%28198821%2918%3A4%3C615%3ATOOWIN%3E2.0.CO%3B2-X

Is Anybody Still a Realist?
Jeffrey W. Legro; Andrew Moravcsik
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**September 19: Institutionalism**

The False Promise of International Institutions  
John J. Mearsheimer  
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162-2889%28199424%2F199524%2919%3A3%3C5%3ATFPOII%3E2.0.CO%3B2-C

The Promise of Institutionalist Theory  
Robert O. Keohane; Lisa L. Martin  
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The Promise of Collective Security  
Charles A. Kupchan; Clifford A. Kupchan  
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Constructing International Politics  
Alexander Wendt  
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162-2889%28199522%2920%3A1%3C71%3ACIP%3E2.0.CO%3B2-I

**September 21: Liberalism**

Liberalism and World Politics  
Michael W. Doyle  
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0003-0554%28198612%2980%3A4%3C1151%3ALAWP%3E2.0.CO%3B2-6

How Liberalism Produces Democratic Peace  
John M. Owen  
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162-2889%28199423%2919%3A2%3C87%3AHLPDP%3E2.0.CO%3B2-Y

Economic Structure and International Security: The Limits of the Liberal Case  
Barry Buzan  
http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0020-8183%28198423%2938%3A4%3C597%3AESAI%3E2.0.CO%3B2-N
September 26: *Rational Choice*

Rigor or Rigor Mortis?: Rational Choice and Security Studies
Stephen M. Walt
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Sorting Through the Wealth of Notions
Bruce Bueno de Mesquita; James D. Morrow
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The Contributions of Rational Choice: A Defense of Pluralism
Lisa L. Martin
[http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162-2889%28199923%2924%3A2%3C74%3ATCORCA%3E2.0.CO%3B2-1](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0162-2889%28199923%2924%3A2%3C74%3ATCORCA%3E2.0.CO%3B2-1)

September 28: *Constructivism and Critical Theory*

Anarchy is what States Make of it: The Social Construction of Power Politics
Alexander Wendt
[http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0020-8183%28199221%2946%3A2%3C391%3AAIWSMO%3E2.0.CO%3B2-9](http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0020-8183%28199221%2946%3A2%3C391%3AAIWSMO%3E2.0.CO%3B2-9)

The Promise of Constructivism in International Relations Theory
Ted Hopf
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Critical Theory and Security Studies
Keith Krause
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II) US NATIONAL SECURITY

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*Sarkesian 63-78
*Jordan 48-91


Actors and Institutions:

**October 5: The President**

*Sarkesian 81-102
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The President's Dominance in Foreign Policy Making
Paul E. Peterson
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**October 12: The Executive Branch and the Congress**

*Sarkesian 105-127
*Jordan 123-143
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Congress and Foreign Policy: Why the Hill Matters
James M. Lindsay,

**October 17: Military**

*Sarkesian 127-156
*Jordan 171-196

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Ole R. Holsti
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*Sarkesian 157-178
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October 24-26: *The Process*
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*Sarkasian 181-231
*Jordan 217-237
*Snow 188-202

October 31: *MIDTERM*

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November 2: Cold War and Conventional Issues in National Security
*Sarkesian 255-280
*Jordan 237-274
*Snow 93-122

November 7: Nuclear Proliferation and Deterrence
*Sarkesian 281-294
*Snow 212-239
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Kenneth N. Waltz
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