

7 ECTS / 3 US Credits

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Aims of the course:

The aim of this course is to provide an in-depth understanding of European security architecture by focusing on both key security institutions and key issues, such as terrorism, migration, cyber defense etc., which have direct ramifications for European security. Consequently, this course will, institution-wise, principally deal with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the EU's Common Security and Defense Policy, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the Collective Security Treaty Organization, and the Arctic Council. Simultaneously, this program will cover European security in regard to the adjacent regions that are essential for preserving local stability, namely, Eastern Europe (Russia, Belorussia, Ukraine, Moldova); Middle East and North Africa (Syria, Turkey, Israel, Palestine, Egypt, Libya, Algeria); and the Arctic region. Finally, the aim of this course is to also provide a comprehensive understanding of the current challenges to European security, primarily epitomized by the refugee crisis, information warfare, terrorism, or energy dependency.

Learning outcomes and competences:

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

- Understand and debate key issues related to European security
- Comprehend the very intricate system of international security institutions and their impact on the EU
- Discuss European security and stability in connection with its adjacent regions
- Have an in-depth understanding of the EU's current security challenges

Course content:

This course deals with European security architecture, predominantly by focusing on relevant international security organizations, security issues linked with European neighboring regions, and current security challenges.

Course content in details:

1. **Evolution of European Security Architecture I.** – Course outline; grading scheme; Introduction; European Security before NATO 1900-1925
2. **Evolution of European Security Architecture II.** – European Security before NATO 1925 - 1949; Emergence of a new security framework
3. **Evolution of European Security Architecture III.** – Evolution of NATO and of European Union's security
4. **International Security Organizations** – OSCE; SCO; CSTO; Arctic Council; NATO today; European Energy Security.
5. **Eastern Europe I.** – The evolution of the region and its impact on local security; Cold War; Post-Cold War; Russian foreign policy, security narratives and perceptions today. Russian-NATO relations.
6. **Eastern Europe II.** – Local conflicts (Eastern Ukraine, Crimea, Transnistria, Georgia); Role of Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova; Future challenges; Presentations
7. **Middle East and North Africa (MENA) I.** – The evolution of the region and its impact on local security; Arab Nationalism; Political Islam; Overview of the current security situation
8. **MENA II.** – Conflict in Syria, Conflict in Libya, Palestine-Israeli Conflict; NATO missions in the region and their future
9. **MENA III.** – EU-Turkey relations. Security questions before and after the coup d'état attempt in 2016; Kurdish question; Presentations
10. **Current threats** – terrorism; refugee crisis; cyber-defence; information warfare; A2/AD concept.
11. **Outlooks for the future** – unified European army? New challenges rising? New Cold War? Revision for the final exam
12. **FINAL EXAM**

Grading scale:

Grade	%
1	90 - 100
2	75 - 89
3	60 - 74
Failed	below 60

Assessment methods (weight):

Active lecture/seminar/workshop/tutorial participation/attendance		20%
Midterm test		30%
Final exam		50%
Total – maximum		100%

Literature:

BROWN, A. (2011) *The Rise and Fall of Communism*. HarperCollins Publishers Inc. ISBN 978-0061138829.

CLEVELAND, L. V., BUNTON, M. A. (2012) *History of Modern Middle East*. Westview Press. ISBN 978-0813348339.

JOHNSTON, A. S. (2016) *How NATO Adapts: Strategy and Organization in the Atlantic Alliance since 1950*. John Hopkins University Press. ISBN 978-1421421988.

JONES, G. S. (2007) *The Rise of European Security Cooperation*. Cambridge University Press. ISBN 978-0521689854.

KISSINGER, H. (1994) *Diplomacy*. Simon & Schuster. ISBN 0-671-51099-1.