This course is designed to familiarize students with current issues in transatlantic security. It begins with an overview of the NATO alliance and how the transatlantic relationship has evolved in conjunction with the emergence of the European Union as an distinct actor in international affairs. We will then examine particular issues affecting transatlantic relations including the increased geopolitical importance of Asia, the emergence of new security challenges, and the impact of the long-term financial restraints on both the United States and Europe. Most of the readings are taken from policy journals and similar publications. As such, the focus is on the practical realities of the transatlantic relationship rather than theoretical considerations.

Students may take this course for variable credit. For 1 credit, students are expected to do the required reading and take a test at the end of the course. For 2 credits, students take the same test and write a short 5 page literature review. For 3 credits, students will take the test and write a 15-20 page research paper.

All students are expected to do all of the required reading in advance and participate in class discussions. This is a small seminar, not a lecture course. As such, it will be driven by class discussion of the reading. The course will meet ten times. The first nine will be class discussion sessions as listed below. The last session will be the workshop on Saturday April 19 which will bring together academics and policy professionals from Europe and the United States. Students should be at all ten meetings to receive credit for participation. If you know that you will not be able to attend one session, please let the instructor know in advance.

**Grading**

1 Credit: Class participation= 50%, Exam= 50%

2 Credits: Class participation= 33%, Exam=33%, Lit Review=33%

3 Credits: Class participation= 30%, Exam=30%, Paper=40%

**Grading Scale**

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Other Business

Make-up exams and late paper submissions can be arranged with advanced notice. Make-up exams will be granted at my discretion with a valid excuse. In case of illness, a doctor’s written excuse will be required. In the case of a known/planned absence please see me WELL IN ADVANCE.

Cheating and plagiarism will be dealt with severely. The use of plagiarized material will earn the student an F for that exam or paper. If you have a question as to what constitutes plagiarism, please ask.

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

Course Schedule

1. The Cold War (April 7)
Topics: Why NATO? Origins of the EU as a security actor


2. Post 1989: Shaping Political Order in Europe (April 8)
Topics: Transformation of Europe, NATO enlargement; The war in the Balkans,


3. After 9/11 – NATO as a Global Stability Provider (April 9)
Topics: Globalization of Euro-Atlantic security; NATO and combat operations


4. EU and NATO (April 10)
Topics: NATO-EU cooperation; Division of labor; Perspectives of CSDP


5. Towards a New Strategic Concept (April 11)
Topics: New tasks and challenges for the Euro-Atlantic Alliance; Strategic discussion, Terrorism; Cyber


6. NATO Partnerships (April 14)
Topics: Cooperative Security; Russia, Back to the Cold War?


7. Role of Nuclear Deterrence (April 15)
Topics: Nuclear weapons in the 21st century; Proliferation; New Nuclear States; US Nuclear Weapons in Europe


8. Transatlantic Burden Sharing After the US Pivot to Asia (April 16)
Topics: Relevance of Asia-Pacific; European Reactions to the Pivot; Relevance of Europe


Topics: Financial Crisis and Security Policy; Military Alliance without ongoing military Operations:


10. Saturday April 19 Workshop in Anderson 212 from 8:15-5:00