

Faculty of Economics and Political Science

National Security Theory and Geopolitics

Information :

Course Code : PSC 409

Level : Undergraduate

Course Hours : 3.00- Hours

Department : Department of Political Science

Instructor Information :

| Title | Name | Office hours |
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| Lecturer | Nilly Kamal Mohamed Hussnin Elamir | |

Area Of Study :

This course defines national security theory and its evolution from strategic and military aspects to the five different sectors, including economic and political dimensions as the bases for tranquility. It analyzes the four levels of national security (individual, state, regional and international) and their relations with each other. This course also analyzes the Egyptian national security, its determinants including geopolitical factors, sources of threat both internal and external and its relation with the Arab national security. It ends by moving from national security into human safety.

Course Goals:

- Comprehend the framework through which a national security issue can be analyzed.
- Acquire knowledge and analytical tools to compare and contrast the national security interests of selected countries.
- Understand and comprehend their countries geostrategic position in regional and world politics.

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Course outcomes :

a. Knowledge and Understanding: :

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| 1 - | Recognize the basic goal of foreign policies of nation-states which is the survival of its entity as well as quality of life of its citizens. |
| 2 - | Identify the development in the field of security studies. |

b. Intellectual Skills: :

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| 1 - | Utilize analytical tools for political and strategic analysis. |
| 2 - | Analyze the basis on which states take aggressive actions against each others. |
| 3 - | Compare the different approaches to national security. |

c. Professional and Practical Skills: :

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| 1 - | Produce a scholarly paper with associated references that debates theory and current issues in the field of national security. |
| 2 - | Develop and implement a research paper that applies the class content in a way that is personally meaningful. |

d.General and Transferable Skills: :

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| 1 - | Develop responsibility for the nation's security and interests. |
| 2 - | Develop critical thinking abilities. |

Course Topic And Contents :

| Topic | No. of hours | Lecture | Tutorial / Practical |
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| Introduction | 3 | 1 | |
| Origin of Security Studies | 6 | 2 | |
| Relation btw Individual & State | 3 | 1 | |
| Components of State | 3 | 1 | |
| Threats and Vulnerabilities | 6 | 2 | |
| Midterm Exam | | 1 | |
| Sectors | 3 | 1 | |
| Security & Intd Pol. System | 3 | 1 | |
| Securitization and De-securitization | 3 | 1 | |
| Subsystems & Security Complex | 3 | 1 | |
| Egyptian National Security | 6 | 2 | |
| Final Exam | | 1 | |

Teaching And Learning Methodologies :

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| Data show and computer in lectures |
| Group discussion |
| Research Paper |

Course Assessment :

| Methods of assessment | Relative weight % | Week No | Assess What |
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| Class work (assignments, quizzes, research papers, class attendance, class participation) | 30.00 | | To assess understanding, and to assess theoretical background of the intellectual and practical skills. |
| Final Exam | 40.00 | 15 | To assess knowledge and intellectual skills. |
| Midterm Exam (s) | 30.00 | 8 | To assess professional skills. |

Recommended books :

- Abdul-Monem Al-Mashat, National Security in the Third World, Westview Press, CO., 1985.
- Abdul-Monem Al-Mashat, Nazariyyat al-Amn al-Qawmi al-'Arabi al-Mu'aasir, Dar al-Mawqif al-Arabi, 1989.
- Barry Buzan (et. al.), Security: A New Framework for Analysis, Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 1998.
- Paul Williams, Security Studies: An Introduction, Routledge, New York, NY, 2008.

