

Identification	Subject (code, title, credits)	PSIR 404 Foundations of Azerbaijan's National Security 3KU / 6ECTS credits	
	Department	Political Science and Philosophy	
	Level	Undergraduate	
	Term	Fall 2021	
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Prerequisites	English language skills		
Language	English		
Compulsory/Elective			
Required textbooks and course materials	Core readings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Williams, Paul D., Security Studies: An Introduction, 2nd Ed., Routledge 2013 • Columba Peoples and Nick Vaughan-Williams, Critical Security Studies: An Introduction, Routledge 2010 • Alan Collins, Contemporary Security Studies, 3rd ed, Oxford University Press 2015 		
Course outline	<p>The course will introduce conceptual and theoretical foundations of the discipline of (International) Security Studies and empirical and historical evolution of security policies of Azerbaijan. The first part will situate and explain its evolution as the discipline of Security Studies and discuss different theoretical approaches developed within and beyond International Relations. The second part of the course will use those conceptual frameworks to explore empirical security issues of Azerbaijan, their development and the current state of the art.</p>		
Course objectives	<p>The course objective is to provide students with: understanding theoretical schools to the security studies, how these frameworks differ in their approaches and why it is important to be aware of them; empirical knowledge to classify, articulate different security concerns of Azerbaijan, their historical evolution, the causes and the current situation.</p>		
Learning outcomes	<p>Students will be able to understand and independently analyze security-related issues in Azerbaijan and in its foreign relations, their origins and causes, and to look at the issue at hand from different theoretical perspectives.</p>		
Evaluation	Methods	Date/deadlines	Percentage (%)
	Midterm evaluation	To be determined by the Dean's Office	25
	Class attendance		5
	Active participation at the seminars		0
	Case-study and PowerPoint presentation		20
	Quiz		15

	Final exam	To be determined by the Dean's Office	35
	Total		100
Policy	<p>Quiz Every week we will have oral quiz on the topic of the current week with random students. So, everyone should be prepared for the topic of the week.</p> <p>You are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - attend classes on a regular basis as the classes are conducted in a combined lecture/seminar format where students should <u>play an active part</u>. - read the assigned and suggested readings before you come to class - engage actively in classroom discussions - offer thoughtful and informed classroom presentations and written work - submit all your assignments on time - follow assignments closely and carefully. <p>Class attendance: Students are required to comply with the attendance policy of Khazar University. Full-time students are expected to attend all classes unless they are sick or have the permission of the instructor (<i>approved absence</i>). A student must submit an absence request in anticipation of an absence from the course. In case he/she fails to do so, his absence will be considered unapproved. Specifically, to be eligible for taking exams, students must not miss more than 25% of class hours (<i>unapproved absences</i>). Otherwise, the student can take the exam only with the approval of the School Dean. Continuing unapproved absences or lack of participation may lead to withdrawal from the course.</p> <p>Academic misconduct Academic honesty plays an essential part in maintaining the integrity of Khazar University. Students are expected to recognize and uphold high standards of intellectual and academic integrity. The following acts are examples of academic dishonesty, therefore are strictly forbidden and will, if proven, be penalized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - plagiarism, - cheating, - unauthorized collaboration, - falsification, - multiple submissions. <p><i>On plagiarism:</i> Plagiarism is unethical and an <u>offence</u> under the University regulations. Please familiarize yourself with the regulations relating to plagiarism and cheating in examinations. Plagiarism is copying other people's work without <u>proper</u> attribution. The students committing plagiarism and the students providing materials for plagiarizing will automatically receive a zero (0) for the assignment. Students must always indicate that they used someone else's words and ideas if they have done so, by using quotation marks and mentioning the source in the text or a footnote. A bibliography must also follow after the end of your essays.</p> <p>Rules of Professional Conduct The students shall behave in the way to create favorable academic and professional environment during the class hours. Unauthorized discussions and unethical behavior are strictly prohibited. Classroom behavior that seriously interferes with either (a) the instructor's ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to benefit from the course program will not</p>		

be tolerated. When a student's behavior in a class is so seriously disruptive as to compel immediate action, the instructor has the authority to remove a student from the class on an interim basis, pending an informal hearing on the behavior.

Tentative Schedule

Date/Day (subject to change if necessary, on holidays)	Topics	Readings
1.	Introduction	
2.	The Evolution and Concepts of Security Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 1, Williams, Paul D, <i>Security studies: An Introduction</i>, 2nd ed, Routledge 2013
3.	Realist Approaches in Security Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 2, Alan Collins, <i>Contemporary Security Studies</i>, 3rd ed., Oxford University Press 2015 • Chapter 2, Williams, Paul, <i>Security studies</i>.
4.	Liberal Approaches in Security Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 3, Alan Collins, <i>Contemporary Security Studies</i> • Chapter 2, Williams, <i>Security studies</i>
5.	Marxism and National Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 4, Alan Collins, <i>Contemporary Security Studies</i> • Chapter 7, Williams, Paul, <i>Security studies</i>
6.	Post-Positivist Approaches: Social Constructivism, Post-structuralism, Securitization Theories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 7, Alan Collins, <i>Contemporary Security Studies</i> • Chapter 4, Columba Peoples and Nick Vaughan-Williams, <i>Critical Security Studies</i> • Chapter 5, Columba Peoples and Nick Vaughan-Williams, <i>Critical Security Studies</i>
7.	Small State Theories and Azerbaijan's National Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realism and Small States in the International System, Chapter 2, Small States in International System
8.	Midterm Exam	
9.	Azerbaijan's National Security Concept (Document)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Security Concept of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Official document) • Revise Theoretical Approaches to Security. How they help (or not) our understanding of the Security Concept of Azerbaijan
10.	Nagorno Karabakh Conflict I: 1 st War and Negotiations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 7, Svante Cornell, <i>Azerbaijan Since Independence</i>, 2011 • The Legal Aspects of the Karabakh Conflict, <i>Azerbaijan International</i>, 1993
11.	Nagorno Karabakh Conflict II: 2 nd War and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hakan Yavuz and Vasif Huseynov, "The Second Karabakh War: Russia vs. Turkey?" <i>Middle East Policy</i> 27:4 (2021): 103-118.

	Current Developments	
12.	Regional Security Complex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azad Garibov, Security Dynamics in the South Caucasus since Independence: Interconnected Threats and Security Interdependence, <i>Caucasus International</i> 7:1 (2017): 59-76. https://www.academia.edu/35936423/Azad_Garibov_Security_Dynamics_in_the_South_Caucasus_since_Independence • Farhad Mammadov and Azad Garibov, South Caucasus as a Regional Security Complex: Divergence of Identity and Interdependence of Security, In: <i>Cooperation in Eurasia. Linking Identity, Security, and Development</i>. https://www.academia.edu/38268102/South_Caucasus_as_a_Regional_Security_Complex_Divergence_of_Identity_and_Interdependence_of_Security
13.	Energy Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 2: The Caspian Derby, Yergin, Daniel, <i>The Quest: Energy, Security and the Remaking of the Modern World</i>, The Penguin Press, New York, 2011 • Thomas L. Friedman, “The First Law of Petropolitics”, <i>Foreign Policy</i>, October 16, 2019, https://foreignpolicy.com/2009/10/16/the-first-law-of-petropolitics/ • Ulviyye Aydin, Prospects and Challenges for Azerbaijan, in ed: <i>Energy Insecurity in Asia: Challenges, Solutions, and Renewable Energy</i>, Asian Development Bank Institute, 2020. • Azerbaijan’s Energy History and Policy”, pages 12-52, Rovshan Ibrahimov, <i>Energy and Azerbaijan: History Strategy and Cooperation</i>
14.	Religion: Security or Securitization?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Galib Bashirov, “Islamic discourses in Azerbaijan: the securitization of ‘non-traditional religious movements’”, <i>Central Asian Survey</i>, 2018 • Kamal Gasimov, <i>The Bureaucratization of Islam in Azerbaijan: State as the Principal Regulator and Interpreter of Religion</i>, <i>Central Asian Affairs</i> 7:1 (2020) 1-37. • Svante E. Cornell, <i>The Politicization of Islam in Azerbaijan</i>, <i>Silk Road Papers</i>, 2006 • Anar Valiyev, <i>Islamic Movements in Azerbaijan</i>, <i>Al-Mesbar Center</i>, 2018 • Ansgar Jodicke, <i>Shia groups and Iranian religious influence in Azerbaijan</i>, <i>Eurasian Geography and Economics</i>, 2017
15.	National Identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harun Yilmaz, <i>The Soviet Union and the Construction of Azerbaijani National Identity</i>

		<p>in the 1930s, <i>Iranian Studies</i> 46:4 (2013): 511-533.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Altay Goyushov, <i>A Brief Description of Azerbaijani Nationalism from its Inception to Today</i>, Baku Research Institute, 2020 • Javid Jafarov, <i>Language Safety in the Context of National Security</i>, <i>Bulgarian Historical Review</i>, 2018
	Final Exam	