National Security: Origins, Evolution, and Expansion
LAW 6936, Fall 2019

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Course Description:
This course explores the what and how of national security. Specifically, what does national security mean and how does it play out institutionally, jurisprudentially, and policy-wise in the United States? Combining historical, legal, and normative perspectives, this course explores how the meaning of national security has shifted and expanded over time. Rather than being exclusively limited to notions of war and foreign policy, the concept of national security also intersects with a wide-range of domestic legal and policy issues, from civil rights and immigration, to private law, business, and environmental and economic issues. Instead of presenting a rigid notion of national security, this course aims to chart the term’s complexity, malleability, and capacity to serve ends that are both corrosive and supportive of the public good.

Course Objectives and Student Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this course, you should be able to: (1) articulate the conceptual origins of national security in American legal and political thought; (2) describe national security’s place within U.S. society and government, including the relationship and responsibility of the federal government’s three branches to national security; (3) identify and evaluate national security’s impact upon various areas of law and government policy; (4) interrogate the import and consequence of labeling something a “national security” issue; and (5) evaluate the future prospects for U.S. national security institutionally, legally, and policy-wise, based on current and historical trends.

Course Requirements:

1) Read and reflect on all assigned course materials each week;
2) Attend every class and participate actively in discussion;
3) Submit weekly response papers and final paper.
Weekly Response Papers and Final Paper:

In advance of each class, each member of the seminar will prepare a one to two-page response to readings assigned for that class. Responses should be single-spaced WORD documents, in 12 point, Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins. Your name and the unit number should be placed in the header of each response document. Papers do not have to address the readings comprehensively but should, at minimum, reflect your reactions to or criticisms of those readings that particularly piqued your interest that week. As the class progresses, these reflections may incorporate or reference readings from previous weeks, but should remain primarily focused on readings for the week at hand. Weekly response papers should not be footnoted or otherwise include formal citations. Responses are due each Wednesday by 9:00am EST via Canvas. There is no weekly response due for the first unit/day of class.

Final papers will be due on Friday, December 6, 2019 by 11:59 pm EST and should be submitted via Canvas. The paper should be a 7-9 page discussion of any part of the readings or topics discussed in the seminar. The final paper should not rehash any of your weekly response papers but should, instead, represent new or evolved thinking. You may do additional research for this paper, but are not required to do so. The paper should be footnoted and otherwise should follow the same formatting guidelines as the weekly responses. Footnotes should conform to the Bluebook.

Course Units/Readings:

The course units/reading are listed below. All readings are posted on Canvas. Each unit corresponds roughly to one class period. We may, however, discuss one unit or parts of one unit over more than one class. I will confirm the next assignment at the end of every class, but if you miss class, or I do not announce the unit for any reason, you should prepare the next class unit. Consistent with the American Bar Association Standard 310, you should expect to spend at least 4 hours per week preparing for this two-hour course.

Please note: I reserve the right to remove or add reading assignments.

Class Preparation and Participation:

Meaningful and thorough class preparation by each student is essential to this course’s success. I expect each of you to attend each class prepared to participate in the discussion. Preparation includes completing the assigned reading, reviewing notes and/or reading material from prior classes, and reflecting on issues and questions those materials raise. In class, I expect consistent, robust, and respectful participation from every student.

Attendance:

Students are expected to attend every class on time. If you are going to miss a class or be late, you must request approval from me at least 24-hours prior, by email, during regular business hours (9 am to 5 pm EST), and you must show good cause. If you miss a class due to a true emergency and could not notify me in advance, you should email me, as soon as possible, with a detailed explanation. If you miss more than one class without receiving my approval or are late
to more than 2 classes, your grade will be reduced by 10% for each absence and 5% for each instance of lateness, thereafter. Observance of a university-recognized religious holiday does not count as an absence. Accordingly, please notify me of such absences at least 24-hours in advance.

Electronic Devices:

Because this is a seminar for which in-class participation is key, the use of electronic devices is limited. The only electronic device that may be used in class is a laptop or tablet. In-class cell phone usage, of any kind, is strictly prohibited. Furthermore, laptops and tablets may only be used to access readings for the class; there should, as a result, be no need for extensive in-class typing. If it appears the electronic device policy described in this section is not being followed by any student, then the policy may be revised for the entire class, including prohibiting all electronic device usage. I otherwise reserve the right to revise the electronic device policy to preserve the classroom environment.

Grading:

Your grade will be based on class participation (30%), your weekly response papers (30%), and the final paper (40%). Weekly response papers will be graded check plus (corresponding to an A), check (corresponding to a B), check minus (corresponding to a C), and check double minus (corresponding to a D). Your final paper will receive a letter grade. The Levin College of Law’s mean and mandatory distributions are posted on the College’s website and this class adheres to that posted grading policy. The following chart describes the specific letter grade/grade point equivalent in place:

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The law school’s grading policy is available at: [http://www.law.ufl.edu/student-affairs/current-students/academic-policies#9](http://www.law.ufl.edu/student-affairs/current-students/academic-policies#9).

Office Hours:
I will hold office hours after class on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:45 pm. If I need to reschedule my office hours for any reason, I will make an announcement in class and/or email the group. Outside of office hours, I am happy to meet by appointment; please email me to arrange. I also maintain an open-door drop-in policy: if my door is open, I am available.

Accommodations:

Students requesting accommodation for disabilities must first register with the Disability Resource Center (http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/). Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter, which must be presented to the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

Student Course Evaluations:

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals or via https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/.

Academic Honesty:


Course Units and Readings

Unit 1: National Security – What Is It?


Unit 2: National Security and the Executive Branch


**Unit 3: National Security and the Courts**


**Unit 4: National Security and the Legislative Branch**


Unit 5: National Security and Terrorism

Lisa Stampnitzky, DISCIPLINING TERROR: HOW EXPERTS INVENTED TERRORISM, Chapters 3 and 7 (2013).

Mary Dudziak, WAR TIME: AN IDEA, ITS HISTORY, ITS CONSEQUENCES, Chapter 4 (2012).


Unit 6: National Security and Identity


Unit 7: National Security and the Criminal Law


Unit 8: National Security and Civil Liberties


Matt Taibbi, How to Survive America’s Kill List, ROLLING STONE, July 19, 2018.
Unit 9: National Security and Immigration


Unit 10: National Security and Privacy

Jennifer Stisa Granick, AMERICAN SPIES: MODERN SURVEILLANCE, WHY YOU SHOULD CARE, AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT, Chapters 12-14 (2017).


Unit 11: National Security and the Economy, Natural Disasters, and the Environment


Unit 12: National Security in Private and Procedural Law


Unit 13: National Security vs Human Security


