Outline
Throughout much of the 20th century, in both academia and the corridors of power, the idea of security was a relatively simple thing. Security was a matter of states attempting to ensure the integrity of their territory and the safety of their populations, in the face of threats embodied, primarily, by other states. Bolstered by two world wars, and the ongoing tensions and conflicts of the Cold War, this idea dominated both the study and practice of international politics. However, the surprising end to the cold war began to put this idea into question, as did the subsequent proliferation of conflicts around the world and the rising prominence of non-state actors as threats (such as terrorist groups and criminal networks). Additionally students of international relations began to point to new sources of insecurity, such as environmental degradation, poverty and hunger, and social instability. The post-cold war era therefore saw a proliferation of debates and theories which called into question the self-evident image of security. What is more, many of these theories (such as feminist, postcolonial, and historical materialist theories) questioned whether the classical image of security had ever properly described international politics, or whether the focus on 'great powers' and 'state security' had served to cover up or ignore real sources of insecurity which people faced in their day-to-day lives. Furthermore, poststructural and constructivists theorists began to question the extent to which 'threat' and 'security' themselves were objective categories, or whether they didn't inherently hinge on the way in which humans interpreted the world, bringing to bear assumptions and values which can, and have, changed over time.

It is into this far more complex world of security that this course will delve. In this course, we will attempt to engage with the questions: 1) what does security, and insecurity, mean? 2) Is security an objective or subjective (or inter-subjective) condition? 3) What are the primary threats to international security? 4) Whose security is paramount, states or individuals? 5) Who are the legitimate providers of security? We will do so through a discussion of major theoretical lenses in security studies, as well as historical and contemporary case studies.

Texts and Readings
This course has one assigned textbook: Alan Collins. Contemporary Security Studies. (Oxford University Press, London, 2nd Edition)

Electronic versions of additional readings will be available through the course's Moodle site.
Evaluation
Your grade will consist of three assignments: A midterm exam, a research paper and a final exam. The research paper will be 12-14 pages long, and will be based on a question chosen from a list which will be distributed in class.

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_Late Policy_
Late assignments will be penalized at the rate of 5% a day. Assignments over a week late will not be accepted. Extensions will only be granted in the case of medical or family emergencies.

_Class Schedule_

**Week 1**
May 1st - Security
1. Collins, Alan. Chapter 1 in _Contemporary Security Studies_

May 3rd – Realism and the Causes of War

**Week 2**
May 7th - Realism Continued

May 8th - Liberalism and the Democratic Peace
1. Morgan, Patrick “Liberalism” Chapter 3 in Collins, Alan (ed) _Contemporary Security Studies_ (pp34-48)

May 10th - Liberalism - Continued
Week 3
May 14 - Securitization and the Construction of Threats
1. Emmers, Rolf “Securitization” Chapter 9 in Collins, Alan (ed) Contemporary Security Studies (pp 136-151)

May 15 - Gender and Security
1. Kennedy-Pipe, Caroline “Gender and Security” Chapter 7 in Collins, Alan (ed) Contemporary Security Studies (pp 106-120)
2. Cohn, Carol “Sex and Death in the Rational World of Defense Intellectuals” Signs, 12:4(687-718)
Trigger Warning: This week's class will include discussion of rape and sexual violence.

May 17 - Gender and Security Continued

Week 4
May 21 - Historical Materialism
1. Herring, Eric “Historical Materialism” Chapter 10 in Collins, Alan (ed) Contemporary Security Studies (pp.152-167)
2. Gordon, Todd “The Contemporary Imperialist Order” in Imperialist Canada (pp. 26-66)

May 22 - Human Security

May 24 - Human Security - Continued
Week 5
May 28th - **Midterm Exam**
Military Security
2. Bellamy, Alex “Humanitarian Intervention” Chapter 21 in Collins, Alan (ed) *Contemporary Security Studies* (pp.359-377)
5. John Arquilla “Cyberwar is Coming” from *In Athena’s Camp*

May 29th - Military Security

May 31st - Military Security Continued

Week 6
*Class Cancelled due to Congress*

Week 7
June 11th - Environmental Security
2. Dalby, Simon “Ecopolitical Discourse: environmental security and political geography” *Progress in Human Geography* 16:4(503-522)

June 12th - Economic Security

June 14th - continued
Week 8
June 18th - Societal Security

June 19th - Health Security

Research Paper Due

June 21st - Continued

Week 9
June 25th - Transnational Crime

June 26th - Final Exam