

**Tentative Syllabus**  
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**Honors Seminar in Political Science: Energy Security**  
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ATG 218

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This course covers the interconnections between energy issues, security, and geopolitics. The readings, lectures, and discussions focus on energy security as a broadly understood concept, energy security from regional perspectives as well as the U.S. perspective, and lastly, the dynamics of China's energy issues. The main text for this course is required and available at the bookstore as well as other online venues. Additional scholarly and journalistic sources, available on Sakai, supplement the required text.

Some of the main questions to tackle during discussion are: What is energy security? How does energy fit into a state's foreign policy? How does each region impact the global energy markets? What is America's energy security strategy? What are all the relevant aspects of China's economic emergence, pertaining to energy?

Participation: Students are expected to have read the course materials before each class. In order to aid the students' understanding of the readings, they are required to come to class ready to discuss the readings for that day. Additionally, students are required to participate in an online discussion, through Sakai. Responses to written assignments will focus on the following:

- Do you strongly agree or disagree on the author's main argument?
- Present evidence to support your argument.
- What questions do the readings raise for you?

This requirement will help with organizing, applying and evaluating the course content. Student preparedness to discuss the readings will contribute to their participation grade.

## **COURSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

### **Goal: Knowledge Acquisition**

Objective: Students should demonstrate they have acquired a body of knowledge specific to the course, as stated above.

**Goal: Critical Thinking**

Objective: Students should be able to assess the quality of information available, understand the importance and relevance of topics under discussion, be able to critically evaluate conflicting information, and be able to draw logical conclusions from information and discussions.

**Goal: Quality of Expression**

Objective: Students should be able to communicate both orally and in writing, produce original and creative analyses, understand proper citation, and recognize and avoid plagiarism.

**Goal: Applied Knowledge**

Objective: Students should be able to apply theoretical knowledge to real world situations, during in-class discussions and writing assignments.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS & GRADING**

Attendance and Participation	20%
Paper	25%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	30%

The instructor reserves the right to change or modify the course requirements and/or readings to meet the needs of the class. Students are required to check the online course schedule weekly. Only university approved excuses will be accepted for missing class and/or exams. Please note exam dates at the beginning of the semester.

**CLASS POLICIES**

Students may not disturb normal classroom procedures by distracting or disruptive behavior. Examples of disruptive behavior include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Repeatedly leaving and entering the classroom without authorization
- Answering cellular phone or allowing pager to beep
- Making loud or distracting noises
- Repeatedly speaking without being recognized, interrupting the instructor or other students, or otherwise acting in disregard of the instructor's requests
- Chronic lateness

Audio and/or video recording is prohibited in the classroom. Laptop use to take notes is encouraged, however connecting any device to a wireless network during class is prohibited.

Violation of class policies will result in a grade deduction. Continued violations will result in removal from class.

Exams: The midterm exam will be taken in class while the final exam will be taken during finals week. Both exams will be a combination of question types to determine your understanding of the class material.

If you qualify for accommodations please provide the proper university documentation so that accommodations can be provided per University policy. If you have any potential scheduling conflicts due to religious observances, please see me three weeks prior to the date in question. Academic dishonesty, plagiarism, and classroom disruptions will be dealt with according to Rutgers University policies.

Grade complaints must be presented in writing, within 3 calendar after the university posted the grade. The student must provide a detailed written explanation as to why he/she believes the grade should be changed. Please be aware that in all cases of grade complaints, I reserve the right to raise, lower, or maintain the grade. All grade complaints must come directly to the Professor. Third party communications will not be accepted.

## READING MATERIALS

Required books available through the university bookstore and online retailers:

- Energy & Security: Toward A New Foreign Policy Strategy  
 Edited by Jan H. Kalicki and David L. Goldwyn

The Johns Hopkins University Press / Woodrow Wilson Center Press  
 ISBN: 0-8018-8279-6

	K and G Sakai Online/Google Books	Energy & Security: Toward A New Foreign Policy Strategy Article is available on Sakai  Article is a clickable link
1.20.10	Intro	Introductions
1.25.10	google books Sakai	<a href="#">The Global Oil Market: Risks and Uncertainties p. xi - 22</a> Energy Security and Geopolitics
1.27.10	Sakai Sakai	"Rising Oil Prices: Declining National Security "The Fundamentals of Energy Security"
2.1.10	Sakai K and G	Imported Oil and U.S. National Security ch. 1-2 "World Energy Futures" in Energy & Security
2.3.10	K and G	"Energy Security and Markets" in Energy & Security

	Sakai	The New Axis of Oil
2.8.20	Sakai Sakai	National Security Consequences of US Oil Dependence National Energy Security Depends on International Energy Security
2.10.10	K and G K and G	"OPEC in Confrontation with Globalization" in Energy & Security "The International Energy Agency" in Energy & Security
2.15.10	Sakai	Energy Security: Meeting the Challenge of National Oil Companies
2.17.10	Sakai Sakai	Energy and Security: The Geopolitics of Energy in the Asia Pacific The Chinese Energy Security Debate
2.22.10	K and G Sakai	"China and Northeast Asia" in Energy & Security Asian Energy Security: Factors Influencing China's Energy Supply
2.24.10	K and G Sakai	"APEC's Regional Approach to Energy Security" in Energy & Security China's Conception of Energy Security
3.1.10	Sakai	Going Global: Chinese Oil and Mining Companies "Japan" in Energy & Security
3.3.10	Sakai	Going Out' China's Pursuit of Energy Resources and Grand Strategy The Roots of Chinese Oil Investment Abroad
3.8.10	Sakai Sakai	Energy Security: Implications for US - China - Middle East Relations Managing US - China Energy Competition in the Middle East
3.10.10		Midterm Assessment
3.15.10		Spring Break
3.17.10		Spring Break
3.22.10	K and G	"Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and the Gulf" in Energy & Security 1st Paper is due.
3.24.10	K and G Sakai	"North Africa and the Mediterranean" in Energy & Security The Persian Gulf and the Geopolitics of Oil
3.29.10	K and G	"Sub-Saharan Africa" in Energy & Security US and the Middle East: Policies and Dilemmas
3.31.10	Sakai	The Political, Economic, Social, Cultural, and Religious Trends in the ME and the Gulf
4.5.10	K and G K and G	"Russia and the Caspian Sea Region" in Energy & Security "Eurasian Transportation Futures" in Energy & Security
4.7.10	K and G	"Reforming the Gas Market" in Energy & Security
4.12.10	K and G K and G	"The North Sea" in Energy & Security "North America" in Energy & Security
4.14.10	K and G	"Latin America" in Energy & Security
4.19.10	Sakai Sakai	Imported Oil and U.S. National Security ch. 3-4 Pipelines as a Source of Conflict
4.21.10	K and G	"Energy, Homeland, and National Security" in Energy & Security
4.26.10	K and G K and G	"Technology Development and Energy Security" in Energy & Security "Building Strategic Reservers" in Energy & Security
4.28.10	K and G	"Can a 'Global' Natural Gas Market Be Achieved?" in Energy & Security
5.3.10		Summary Final Paper Due

