SPRING 2016 EXTENDED STUDY:
NATIONAL SECURITY/ NEW YORK CITY
(POSC 353)

Director: Fred Chernoff (POSC)

On-campus linked course: National Security (POSC 353)

Tentative travel dates: May 7 – May 26, 2016

Course credit: .5 credit (when linked to POSC 353)

Prerequisites: Students must take POSC 353 in fall 2015 or spring 2016

For more information and to apply: www.colgate.edu/off-campus-study/extended-study

Application deadline: October 15, 2015

OVERVIEW OF COURSE:

The purpose of this proposed extended study is to enhance students’ understanding and knowledge of (1) security issues, (2) strategic concepts that underpin our notions of “security”, (3) the roles and perspectives of various institutions, international organizations and interest groups, and (4) the national policy-making process.

The on-campus course, POSC 353, has three components. The first half of the course is a history of strategic theory, from Sun-Tzu and Machiavelli through the Napoleonic period (Clausewitz), to the end of the nineteenth century (Mahan and Mackinder), and concluding with the employment of strategic concepts in World War II. The second section deals with the superpowers during the Cold War. The third section considers contemporary issues of conflict and strategy, particularly the Arab-Israeli conflict, the India-Pakistan conflict, and the wars connecting Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The extended study will allow students to explore these contemporary issues of conflict in detail. Students will meet with representatives of a dozen foreign governments, attend three lectures by scholars in the New York City area, and participate in two one-day trips. One of these trips will be to the US Military Academy in West Point; the other will be to the US Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA. While in New York City, the group will also tour the UN and visit the USS Intrepid aircraft carrier museum in the New York Harbor.