

# EU-NATO Relations

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NATO remains a major security actor and its relevance appears to have only grown in the 25 years since the end of the Cold War. Over the same time frame, the European Union has pulled together many of the necessary elements to become a more effective player in international security and defense. How do these two institutions work together as security providers and what are the barriers to cooperation? What challenges do they face and what are the potential directions of both the EU and NATO as international actors? This course will begin with an examination of NATO's evolution from Cold War institution to its modern role as a security provider beyond Europe. It will also look at the development of the EU's Common Security and Defense Policy and how the EU is becoming a global actor on security-related issues. Topics will include relations with Russia, NATO and EU partnership activities, interventions in Afghanistan Libya and the Balkans, defense budgets, NATO-EU institutional cooperation and competition, and issues of strategic culture.