



**NATIONAL SECURITY LAW**  
**COURSE EVALUATION – SUMMARY**

Spring 2023

Course Number: LAW JD 80

Professor: Zachary D. Kaufman, J.D., Ph.D.

All students in this course anonymously provided evaluations of it. Below are ratings and illustrative quotations from these evaluations.

Instructor Evaluation: This rating combined prompts about the instructor’s clarity of presentation, ability to manage discussion in class, responses to questions in and outside of class, availability outside of class, ability to stimulate interest in the subject matter, and ability to facilitate development of analytical or other lawyering skills. The students’ average rating of the overall quality of this instructor—on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 meaning “Excellent”—was a perfect 5.00.

Course Evaluation: The students’ average rating of the overall quality of this course—on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 meaning “Excellent”—was 4.89.

Illustrative quotations: The following are overall quotations about the class or instructor, more detailed quotations about the course or instructor, and quotations about the instructor’s future.

*Overall quotations about the course or instructor:*

- “This class was the most enlightening and interesting class I have taken at BU, and I’m infinitely grateful that I chose to take it and that I have gotten to study under Professor Kaufman.”
- “I had the pleasure of having Professor Kaufman as my professor this semester, and I can say with confidence that he is one of the best professors I’ve had at BU Law.”
- “Professor Kaufman’s National Security Law was one of the highlights of my time as a student at BU Law . . . I genuinely couldn’t recommend taking any class taught by Professor Kaufman any higher.”
- “Loved this class! . . . . An absolute gem!”
- “Kaufman is a fantastic professor—enthusiastic, exercises a high level of EQ, and is genuinely interested in engaging with his students.”
- “Professor Kaufman has been exceptionally prepared, dedicated, and engaging and I could not have asked for a better professor.”
- “I highly recommend him to any law student looking for a knowledgeable, engaging, and passionate professor.”
- “I thoroughly enjoyed learning from Professor Kaufman this semester.”
- “This class was nothing short of excellent and it greatly expanded my knowledge of the law in a new area.”
- “An excellent professor who cares deeply for both the subject matter and students.”
- “It was apparent that Professor Kaufman is passionate about the subject matter and cares deeply about his students.”

- “I would definitely take another class with Professor Kaufman in the future.”
- “It has been an absolute pleasure to be in National Security Law with Professor Kaufman.”
- “The course was really interesting and one of the more relevant courses I have taken in law school.”
- “All of my professors at BU Law have cared about career development, but—by leaps and bounds—none of them stack up to the opportunities to connect with each of the A-list guest lecturers Professor Kaufman integrated into the course, and the level of support and guidance Professor Kaufman was willing to provide each student outside of the classroom.”
- “Professor Kaufman’s experience and connections with people in the field really added to the course.”

*More detailed quotations about the course or instructor:*

- “Professor Kaufman is incredibly knowledgeable in this field of law and is always able to give clear answers to any questions we may have. For questions regarding class material outside of class, Professor Kaufman has always been prompt in his responses over email and has made himself available to meet both during and outside of office hours.”
- Professor Kaufman’s “lecturers were engaging and thought-provoking, covering interesting topics that were highly relevant to current times. This made attending his class a highlight of my week.”
- “One of the things I appreciated about Professor Kaufman was his willingness to welcome comments and encourage class discussion. Although he did cold-call occasionally, it never felt intimidating and instead helped guide the discussion.”
- “Throughout the semester, Professor Kaufman has been engaging, responsive, and supportive. Professor Kaufman has done an excellent job of engaging us both in and outside of the classroom with issues surrounding National Security.”
- Professor Kaufman’s “enthusiasm and deep knowledge of the subject matter were contagious and I now have an interest in national security law where I had none before.”
- “Professor Kaufman has also given me incredibly valuable career advice. He has even offered to connect us to top experts in the field of National Security Law.”
- Professor Kaufman “went above and beyond to provide opportunities for our growth as law students and future professionals, including organizing career info sessions and helping us connect with guest lecturers.”
- “I’ve enjoyed everything about this semester with Professor Kaufman - from the interesting class material to the impressive guest speakers and movie nights.”
- “Beyond even the legal aspects of this class, it had the dual benefit of coloring in some important political / international relations knowledge, which is also immensely helpful and important to know.”
- “I came into this class having very little exposure to National Security and now leaving, I can confidently say that I’ve learned so much and that this knowledge will stick with me for the rest of my career.”