

# NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES MINOR

The National Security Studies Minor prepares students with diverse majors for careers in homeland security, intelligence collection and analysis, foreign relations, Department of Defense, Department of State, and related areas, or to enter graduate programs that will further prepare them for careers in these areas. These careers might be as diverse as being a diplomat, a cryptologist, an area studies specialist, a linguist, an intelligence analyst, an energy economist, or a policy analyst. The program culminates in a capstone course that integrates student experiences in other courses within the minor into a Crisis Management Exercise (CME). The CME requires students to play the roles of civilian officials and military officers tasked with addressing the crisis situation at hand in an interagency environment.

## Requirements:

- Students complete a National Security Studies Minor by completing a minimum of eighteen hours in approved courses.
- Students must take the capstone course Capstone for National Security Studies (NSS 4345) or if a cadet in National Security Affairs (AFSC 4301 or AFSC 4302).
- Students must take at least one course from the “Contemporary Security Environment” list.
- Students must take at least one course from those included under “National Security Policies and Institutions”.
- Students must take a total of at least three courses (9 hours) from the “Contemporary Security Environment” and the “National Security Policies and Institutions” lists.
- Students must maintain a GPA of **2.5** or better in their minor courses.
- A student may not use more than six hours of work in the NSS Minor to satisfy requirements for a major field and/or any other minor. **Students must have a minimum of four courses not from their major to fulfill requirements for the minor.**
- [Note: Courses found in more than one category can only fulfill one requirement]

Of course, eighteen hours is a minimum requirement – students may take additional NSSM courses as their schedules and other requirements permit. The remainder of the hours requirement can be satisfied by choosing electives from the NSSM courses listed below. Students with very specific interests may petition the director to have a course in another department/program substituted as an elective course for the NSSM.

During the sophomore year, students are also encouraged to apply for internships with the State Department, Department of Defense, National Security agency, Central Intelligence Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies in the attempt to enhance their understanding of various aspects of national security in a non-academic setting.

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## Capstone Courses (Pick 1)

	AFSC 4301 National Security Affairs [ <b>Available to cadets only</b> ]
	NSS 4345 [Formerly POLS 4345 ] Capstone for National Security Studies

## The Contemporary Security Environment (Pick 1 or 2 from either column)

	Busi 1301 Business principles	INTB 3354 Introduction to Global Business
	<b>No longer available:</b> Global Economic Concepts	INTB 3355 Global Environment of Business
	Econ 3342 Global Issues in Economic Development	PHIL 3395 War and Peace
	Econ 4370 International trade	NSS 2342 [formerly POLS 2342] Intro to National Security Studies
	Geol 1302 Global Climate Change	POLS 3335 Political Terrorism
	HIST 3349 War, Globalization, and Terrorism	POLS 3382 Politics and Religion of South Asia
	HIST 3362 Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union	POLS 4343 Causes and Politics of War
	HIST 3378 Modern Middle East	POLS 4348 Contemporary Islamic Political Thought
	Hist 3383- World Revolutions	POLS 4349 International Energy Politics
	Hist 3384 – Palestine and the Making of the Arab-Israeli Conflict	POLS 4394 Ideologies and Political Movements
	HIST 3394 Sel Topics: <b>Migration and Immigration</b>	SOC 3328 Race and Ethnicity in World Perspective
	HIST 3395 or WCL 3397 Terrorism Past and Present	WCL 3346 Terrorism : Past and Present
	HIST 3397 Sel Topics: <b>Africa and the Indian Ocean World</b>	WCL 3397 Sel Topics: <b>History of Russian Frontiers</b>
	Hist 4318 Africa and the Oil Industry	WCL 4352 Frames of Modernity [Post Modernity and Globalization]
	Hist 4361 20th Century Genocide	WCL 4379 Critical Theory and Globalization

## National Security Policy and Institutions (Pick 1 or 2 from either column)

	<b>No longer available :</b> Global Economic Concepts	PHIL 3395 War and Peace
	Econ 3342 Global Issues in Economic Development	POLS 3313 Introduction to International Relations
	Econ 4370 International trade	POLS 3331 American Foreign Policy
	HIST 3322 The Vietnam War	POLS 3344 International Law and the Law of War
	HIST 3375 The CIA in the Third World	POLS 3345 National Security Law
	HIST 3394 Sel Topics: <b>Migration and Immigration</b>	POLS 4334 Strategy in International Relations
	HIST 4318 Africa and the Oil Industry	POLS 3346 Human Rights
	IGS 2350 Introduction to International and global studies	POLS 3396 Sel Topics: <b>Nuclear Weapons: International and National Security Implications</b>
	INTB 3354 Introduction to Global Business	POLS 4365 National Defense Policy
	INTB 3355 Global Environment of Business	WCL 4352 Frames of Modernity [Post Modernity & Globalization]
	Navy 3303 Evolution of Warfare	WCL 4379 Critical Theory and Globalization

## Applications and Skills (Elective)

	AFSC 3301 Leadership
	AFSC 3302 Leadership
	CIS 2337 Fundamentals of Information Security [Formerly ITEC 2337]
	Hist 3383 World Revolutions
	MIS 4381 Management of Information Security
	POLS 4340 Intelligence Analysis
	POLS 4341 Risk Analysis and Assessment
	POLS 4391 - International Politics Internship
	TLIM 4397 Border Management
	3000 level Foreign language course not taught in English [TE not accepted]

**Electives:** Additional courses taken in categories above may be taken as electives.

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