



NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES

The National Security Studies (NSST) minor at UNL is an interdisciplinary program that prepares you for national security careers through acquisition of subject matter expertise and analytical skills. You can explore the wide variety of critically-important security challenges we face in the 21st century, such as weapons of mass destruction, terrorism and the emerging field of human security. Acquire skills such as critical thinking, writing, briefing and analysis techniques specifically tailored for the national security field. Whether you are interested in homeland security, intelligence gathering and analysis, foreign relations, diplomacy, or even international development, the NSST minor will add insight and skills needed to succeed in these professions.

The UNL Intelligence Community (IC) Scholars Program is affiliated with the Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence (IC CAE) at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). This select group career mentoring group has helped students from UNL get jobs in the IC since 2010. We focus on skills building, familiarity with the IC and resume crafting to help students be competitive for jobs in Intelligence analysis, support and operations.

Academics

CORE COURSE

- **POLS / GLST 160** International Relations *or*
NSST 175 Introduction to National Security

WRITING AND ANALYSIS COURSES

Writing

Select one:

- **NSST 375** Writing and Briefing for the National Security Enterprise
- **ENGL 254** Writing and Communities

Critical Thinking / Analysis

Select one:

- **NSST 376** Analysis for the National Security Establishment
- **COMM 312** Argumentation
- **CRIM 251** Research Methods
- **PSYC 350** Research Methods and Data Analysis
- **SOCI 205** Social Research Methods
- **SOCI 206** Social Statistics

TOPICS IN SECURITY

Select three courses with at least one at the 300 level and one at the 400 level.

- **ANTH 353** Anthropology of War
- **CRIM 476** Terrorism
- **GEOG 217** Principles of GIS
- **GEOG / NRES 312** Introduction to Remote Sensing
- **GEOG / NRES 412** Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
- **GEOG / NRES 418** Introduction to Remote Sensing
- **GEOG 420** Digital Image Analysis of Remote Sensing Data
- **GEOG 444** Geo-demographic and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

- **HIST 304** United States Military History Since 1917
- **HIST 326** Algeria and France
- **HIST 324** The Cold War
- **HIST 337** History of Modern Espionage and Intelligence
- **HIST 368** History of Terrorism in the Modern World
- **HIST 386** History of Radical Islam
- **NRES 104** Climate Crisis
- **NRES 218** Introduction to Geospatial Technologies
- **POLS / ANTH / SOCI 261** Conflict and Conflict Resolution
- **POLS 263** Causes of War and Peace
- **POLS 270** From National to Human Security
- **POLS 332** Climate Change: Policy and Politics
- **POLS 362** Globalization, Human Rights and Diversity
- **POLS 363** United States Foreign Policy
- **POLS / ETHN 375** Conflict and Development in Africa
- **POLS 377** Transnational Criminal Networks
- **POLS 470** International Human Rights
- **POLS 472** State Terror
- **POLS / JUDES 476** Ethnic Conflict and Identity
- **POLS 463** American Foreign Policy and the Use of the Military
- **POLS 479** Insurgency, Guerrilla Warfare, and Terrorism
- **PSYC 435** Psychology of Terrorism
- **RELG 318** Islam in the Modern World
- **RELG 418** Fundamentalism, Religion, and Politics

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- **NSST 475** Threats and Solutions to Global Security in the 21st Century

For a complete list of applicable courses see minor advisor.