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 university’s National Security Club invites professionals from the national security establishment to speak on their experiences, stories and career guidance. Our student-run group hosts monthly discussions on current national security issues such as ISIS and Russia-Ukraine. We have special panels and invite professors, intelligence community professionals and students to weigh in on issues ranging from ethics of whistleblowing, emerging threats and careers.

Academics

CORE COURSE
- POLS / GLST 160 International Relations

WRITING AND ANALYSIS COURSES

Writing
Select one:
- NSST 375 Writing and Briefing for the National Security Enterprise
- ENGL 151 Writing and Argument
- JOUR 102 The Art of Writing

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 Introduction to Social Research I
- SOCI 206 Introduction to Social Research II

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 Mapping Science in the 21st Century
- GEOG / NRES 312 Introduction to Geospatial Information Sciences
- 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
- POLS / ANTH / SOCI 261 Conflict and Conflict Resolution
- POLS 263 Causes of War and Peace
- 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 398 Special Topics
- POLS 470 International Human Rights
- POLS 472 State Terror
- POLS / JUDS 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

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

For a complete list of applicable courses see minor advisor.