



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 / 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.



PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS

The Public Policy Analysis Certificate (PPAC) is an interdisciplinary program that allows you to gain skills related to the policy process and the methodology for analyzing policy problems and programs.

The Public Policy Analysis Certificate will appear on your official transcript and gives you a skill that can be placed on your resume. Employers in all fields want to hire students who are analytical and evaluative.

Academics

FIRST LEVEL

Covers the theories, processes, models, and methods of policy analysis.

- **POLS 235** Public Policy: Concepts and Processes
- **POLS 236** Public Policy Analysis: Methods and Models

SECOND LEVEL

Examines the interpersonal, interagency and inter-group negotiation processes within which policy making occurs.

Select one:

- **COMM / ETHN 211** Intercultural Communication
- **COMM 371** Communication in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
- **COMM 375** Theories of Persuasion
- **POLS / ANTH / SOCI 261** Conflict and Conflict Resolution

THIRD LEVEL

Applies models, methods, and the understanding of the policy process in substantive policy areas. Students consult with the policy certificate coordinator to create a specialized plan of study for this level.

FOURTH LEVEL

Internship (capstone experience). Students intern in a governmental or nonprofit agency relating to their area of interest or expertise.

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