

## National Security Studies (NSS)

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### NSS 2010

#### Introduction to National Security

**3:3:0** **Fall**

\* Prerequisite(s): ENGL 2010; HIST 1700 or HIST 2700 or POLS 1100 or CJ 1010

Categorizes elements of the national security field. Explores the national security system, focusing on contemporary issues. Analyzes formulation and execution of national security policy through diplomacy, intelligence operations, and military force.

### NSS 301R

#### National Security Area Studies

**3:3:0** **Fall**

\* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing; POLS 1100, HIST 1700, or HIST 2700, or CJ 1010

Examines the national security issues associated with a particular geographic area in the global community. May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits toward graduation.

### NSS 3050

#### US Intelligence Community

**3:3:0** **Spring**

\* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing

Examines the US Intelligence Community (IC) and its core responsibilities and processes. Assesses the IC's two-fold role to support policy makers and operations, the customer-driven intelligence production cycle, how national foreign intelligence requirements are generated and prioritized, what activities are authorized and which activities are prohibited, intelligence oversight by Congress, and privacy concerns. Evaluates the missions, roles, responsibilities, and authorities of the (IC) constituent agencies and assess the IC's intelligence collection disciplines.

### NSS 4210

#### Law of War

**3:3:0** **On Sufficient Demand**

\* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing; POLS 1100, HIST 1700, HIST 2700, or CJ 1010

Examines the law that governs situations of armed conflict, including the history and development of the law. Assesses major contemporary issues in this area of the law, to include detention policy, drone warfare, terrorism as a tactic of war, and preemptive force.

### NSS 4250

#### National Security Career Strategies

**3:3:0** **On Sufficient Demand**

\* Prerequisite(s): NSS 2010; University Advanced Standing

Emphasizes the development of effective techniques for successfully locating, applying for and securing employment as well as advancing in a National Security-related career path. Includes industry and job research, demonstration, role play, development of writing materials, and application exercises. Provides preparation for internship and career entry experience.

### NSS 4600

#### National Security Law

**3:3:0** **Spring**

\* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing; POLS 1100, HIST 1700, HIST 2700, or CJ 1010

Evaluates the distribution of national security powers amongst the three branches of government. Reviews the laws and policies that govern the legality of war, military operations in wartime, intelligence collection, protection of national security information, foreign intelligence surveillance, covert action, special military operations, offensive counterterrorism operations, detention and interrogation of terrorism suspects, and other current issues in the national security area.

### NSS 475R

#### Current Topics in National Security

**3:3:0** **Spring**

\* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing; POLS 1100, HIST 1700, HIST 2700, or CJ 1010

Presents selected topics in National Security and will vary each semester. Requires a special project related to the area of study. May be repeated with different topic areas for a maximum of 9 credits toward graduation.

### NSS 4800

#### Intelligence Analysis and Tradecraft

**3:3:0** **Fall**

\* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing

Appraises structured analytic techniques commonly embraced as sound tradecraft within the Intelligence Community (IC) and applies these techniques in the context of actual intelligence cases. Applies the structured analytic techniques of decomposition and visualization, idea generation, scenarios and indicators, hypothesis generation and testing, assessment of cause and effect, challenge analysis, and decision support. Evaluates IC analytic standards and discuss ethical considerations.

### NSS 481R

#### National Security Internship

**1 to 9:1 to 9:0** **Fall, Spring, Summer**

\* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing

Provides academic credit for work for students in a paying or non-paying (volunteer) job for a national security employer or other approved related situation. Emphasizes successful work experience with emphasis on identifying and solving problems. May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits toward graduation. May be graded credit/no credit.

### NSS 491R

#### Directed Readings and Special Projects in National Security

**1 to 3:1 to 3:0** **On Sufficient Demand**

\* Prerequisite(s): University Advanced Standing

Offers independent study as directed in reading, individual projects, etc., at the discretion and approval of the department chair. May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits.

### NSS 6500

#### U.S. National Security Policy and Strategy

**3:3:0** **Spring**

Examines how the United States formulates national security policy and strategy. Analyzes conceptual foundations, organizational structures and functions, decision-making processes, and priority issues in US national security. Assesses the role and authorities of the President and Executive Branch, congressional oversight, national security policy development and implementation, the implementation and limits of national power, the role of intelligence, the relevant legal frameworks, and specific national security challenges.

### NSS 6600

#### State Responses to Terrorism: Counterterrorism in a Collaborative Environment

**3:3:0** **Spring**

Outlines how federal, state, and local law enforcement have developed a standardized information sharing process in an effort to mitigate terror attacks. Analyzes state fusion centers, intelligence-led policing, community engagement, and multi-agency emergency response plans. Utilizes practical lecture, table top exercise, and case studies, to demonstrate how states act independently to prevent, thwart, and mitigate acts of terror stemming from domestic terrorists, transnational terrorist organizations, and inspired lone offenders.