

National Security Studies, B.A.

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Requirements

The BA/BS in National Security Studies (NSS) will provide an interdisciplinary program that prepares students for public and private sector national security careers through acquisition of subject matter expertise and analytical skills. This baccalaureate degree program will expose students to the wide variety of critically important security challenges and issues faced in the twenty-first century such as: terrorism and cyber security, nuclear proliferation and weapons of mass destruction, piracy and global pandemics, sovereignty and the use of force, and civil liberties and the rule of law. Students will also acquire skills such as critical thinking, writing, briefing, and analysis techniques specifically tailored for the national security field, but applicable in many others. Whether students are interested in counterterrorism, homeland security, intelligence gathering and analysis, foreign relations, law and politics, diplomacy, or international development, the NSS BA/BS will provide insight and skills needed to succeed in these professions.

Total Program Credits: 120

General Education Requirements:		36 Credits
	ENGL 1010 Introduction to Academic Writing	3
or	ENGL 1005 Literacies and Composition Across Contexts (5)	
	ENGL 2010 Intermediate Writing/Academic Writing and Research	3
Complete one of the following:		3
	MAT 1030 Quantitative Reasoning (3) (recommended)	
	MAT 1035 Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra (6)	
	STAT 1040 Introduction to Statistics (3)	
	STAT 1045 Introduction to Statistics with Algebra (5)	
	MATH 1050 College Algebra (4) (recommended for Business, Education, Science, and Health Professions majors)	
	MATH 1055 College Algebra with Preliminaries (5)	
	MATH 1090 College Algebra for Business (3)	
Complete one of the following:		3
	HIST 1700 American Civilization (3)	
or	HIST 2700 US History to 1877 (3)	
and	HIST 2710 US History since 1877 (3)	
Complete the following:		
	PHIL 2050 Ethics and Values	3
	HLTH 1100 Personal Health and Wellness (2.0)	
or	EXSC 1097 Fitness for Life	2
Distribution Courses:		
	Biology	3
	Physical Science	3
	Additional Biology or Physical Science	3
	Humanities (any foreign language 202G/2020 course)	4

	Fine Arts	3
	Social/Behavioral Science	3
Discipline Core Requirements:		42 Credits
	POLS 1100 American National Government	3
	NSS 2010 Introduction to National Security	3
	POLS 2100 Introduction to International Relations	3
	NSS 3050 US Intelligence Community	3
	NSS 301R National Security Area Studies	3
	NSS 4210 Law of War	3
	NSS 4250 National Security Career Strategies	3
	NSS 4300 Intelligence Cycle and Collections	3
	NSS 4400 Statecraft and Strategy	3
	NSS 4600 National Security Law	3
	NSS 475R Current Topics in National Security	3
	POLS 3680 International Political Economy	3
	POLS 4500 International Conflict and Security	3
	NSS 4990 National Security Capstone Seminar	3
Elective Requirements:		42 Credits
Complete 21 credits from the following:		21
	NSS 3350 The Cold War: Culture and Politics	
	NSS 4800 Intelligence Analysis and Tradecraft (3)	
	NSS 481R National Security Internship (1)	
	NSS 491R Directed Readings and Special Projects in National Security (1)	
	CNST 4795 Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (3)	
	CJ 3340 Terrorism and the Criminal Justice System (3)	
	CJ 4160 Constitutional Criminal Rights (3)	
	HIST 3440 The History of World War I (3)	
	HIST 345G The History of World War II (3)	
	HIST 4140 Genocide in the Twentieth Century (3)	
	HIST 430G Violence and Social Conflict in Latin America (3)	
	ESMG 310G Introduction to Homeland Security (3)	
	IT 2700 Information Security Fundamentals (3)	
	MILS 259R Current Topics in Military Science (3)	
	MILS 4200 The Profession of Arms I (3)	
	MILS 4210 The Profession of Arms II (3)	
	PJST 3020 The Ethics of War and Peace (3)	
	PJST 3100 Introduction to Human Security (3)	
	PJST 3400 Conflict Transformation Resolution and Sustainable Peace (3)	
	POLS 3100 Survey of International Terrorism (3)	
	POLS 3150 US Presidency (3)	
	POLS 3210 World Diplomacy (3)	
	POLS 3400 American Foreign Policy (3)	
	POLS 3500 International Relations of the Middle East (3)	

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	POLS 3600	International Relations of East Asia (3)	
	POLS 3610	International Organization (3)	
	POLS 4610	International Law (3)	
	Any other course approved by the NSS Director or Academic Advisor		
One Foreign Language			12
All other non-discipline electives			9

Graduation Requirements:

1. Completion of a minimum of 120 or more semester credits, 40 credits must be upper-division.
2. Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above.
3. All discipline and core requirements must be passed with a C- or higher.
4. Residency hours: minimum of 30 credit hours through course attendance at UVU, with at least 10 hours earned in the last 45 hours.
5. Completion of GE and specified departmental requirements.
6. Successful completion of at least one Global/Intercultural course.
7. Completion of 12 credit hours of course work from one language, to include the 1010, 1020, 2010, and 202G/2020 levels or transferred equivalent.

National Security Studies, B.A.**Graduation Plan**

This graduation plan is a sample plan and is intended to be a guide. Your specific plan may differ based on your Math and English placement and/or transfer credits applied. You are encouraged to meet with an advisor and set up an individualized graduation plan in [Wolverine Track](#).

Milestone courses (pre-requisites for a course in one of the subsequent semesters) are marked in red and italicized.

Semester 1	Course Title	Credit Hours
<i>ENGL 1010</i> or <i>ENGL 1005</i>	Introduction to Academic Writing OR Literacies and Composition Across Contexts	3
HIST 1700	American Civilization	3
	Biology Requirement	3
HLTH 1100 or EXSC 1097	Personal Health & Wellness or Fitness for Life	2
<i>LANG 1010</i>	Beginning Language I	4
	Semester Total	15
Semester 2	Course Title	Credit Hours
MAT 1030/35, STAT 1040/45, MATH 1050/55, MATH 1090	Quantitative Reasoning or Introduction to Statistics or College Algebra or College Algebra for Business	3
<i>ENGL 2010</i>	Intermediate Writing/Academic Writing and Research	3
<i>LANG 1020</i>	Beginning Language II	4
<i>POLS 1100</i>	American National Government	3
	Social/Behavioral Science Requirement	3
	Semester Total	16
Semester 3	Course Title	Credit Hours
<i>NSS 2010</i>	Introduction to National Security	3
<i>LANG 2010</i>	Intermediate Language I	4
PHIL 2050	Ethics and Values	3
	Physical Science Requirement	3
	Fine Arts Requirement	3
	Semester Total	16
Semester 4	Course Title	Credit Hours
	Biology or Physical Science Requirement	3
<i>POLS 2100</i>	Introduction to International Relations	3
	NSS Elective	3
<i>LANG 202G</i>	intermediate Language II	4
	General Elective	3
	Semester Total	16
Semester 5	Course Title	Credit Hours
NSS 3050	US Intelligence Community	3

<i>NSS 301R</i>	National Security Area Studies	3
NSS 4210	Law of War	3
	NSS Elective	3
	General Elective	3
	Semester Total	15
Semester 6	Course Title	Credit Hours
NSS 4250	National Security Career Strategies	3
NSS 4300	Intelligence Cycle and Collections	3
NSS 4400	Statecraft and Strategy	3
POLS 3680	International Political Economy	3
	General Elective	3
	Semester Total	15
Semester 7	Course Title	Credit Hours
POLS 4500	International Conflict and Security	3
<i>NSS 4600</i>	National Security Law	3
<i>NSS 475R</i>	Current Topics in National Security	3
	NSS Elective	3
	General Elective	3
	Semester Total	15
Semester 8	Course Title	Credit Hours
NSS 4990	National Security Capstone Seminar	3
	NSS Elective	3
	NSS Elective	3
	NSS Elective	3
	Semester Total	12
	Degree Total	120