

## National Security Studies, Certificate of Proficiency

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### Requirements

The NSS certificate of proficiency is aimed at students with a baccalaureate degree who are looking to re-tool or specialize in national security in order to enter or advance in a national security career. The certificate will provide an interdisciplinary program that prepares students for and allows existing professionals to advance in public and private sector national security careers through acquisition of subject matter expertise and analytical skills. This certificate 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 certificate of proficiency will provide insight and skills needed to succeed in these professions.

### Total Program Credits: 18

Matriculation Requirements:		
Students must have University Advanced Standing or have completed a baccalaureate degree		
Discipline Core Requirements:		12 Credits
<a href="#">NSS 2010</a>	Introduction to National Security	3
<a href="#">NSS 301R</a>	National Security Area Studies	3
<a href="#">NSS 4600</a>	National Security Law	3
<a href="#">POLS 4500</a>	International Conflict and Security	3
Elective Requirements:		6 Credits
Complete 6 credits from the following:		6
<a href="#">NSS 4210</a>	Law of War (3.0)	
<a href="#">NSS 475R</a>	Current Topics in National Security (3.0)	
<a href="#">CJ 3340</a>	Terrorism and the Criminal Justice System (3.0)	
<a href="#">IT 2700</a>	Information Security Fundamentals (3.0)	
<a href="#">POLS 3100</a>	Survey of International Terrorism (3.0)	
<a href="#">POLS 3400</a>	American Foreign Policy (3.0)	
<a href="#">POLS 4610</a>	International Law and Relations (3.0)	
or	Other course approved by department advisor or director.	

### Graduation Requirements:

1. Completion of a minimum of 18 credits.
2. Overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0
3. Completion of discipline core and electives with a C- grade or higher.
4. Residency hours -- Minimum of 5 credits required through course attendance at UVU.

## National Security Studies, Certificate of Proficiency 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.

Prerequisites:		
Completion of a baccalaureate degree		
CJ 1010, or POLS 1100, or ENGL 2010, or HIST 1700, or HIST 2700	Introduction to Criminal Justice American National Government Intermediate Writing/ Academic Writing and Research American Civilization US History to 1877	
Semester 1	Course Title	Credit Hours
NSS 2010	Introduction to National Security	3
NSS 301R	National Security Area Studies	3
	Elective	3
	Semester total:	9
Semester 2	Course Title	Credit Hours
NSS 4600	National Security Law	3
POLS 4500	International Conflict and Security	3
	Elective	3
	Semester total:	9
	Degree total:	18