NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES MINOR

Description
The undergraduate national security studies minor (NSST) is an interdisciplinary program that provides undergraduates across campus (any department or college) with relevant knowledge of various aspects of global security and the theory and analytical skills necessary for dealing with global security studies issues. Students interested in national security issues, security-related job opportunities, or a desire to have a set of analytical skills relevant to global issues will benefit from the NSST. Students who have completed the NSST requirements will, upon graduation, receive a minor in national security studies.

Four principles train students to systematically and coherently analyze national security issues, develop writing and critical thinking skills, negotiate multiple and competing interests, and develop in-depth knowledge and application in substantive international policy issue(s).

The minor requires 21 credit hours of coursework with a grade of B- or better, including a 3-credit-hour capstone course (NSST 475 Threats and Solutions to Global Security in the 21st Century).

Admission

College Admission
The entrance requirements for the College of Arts and Sciences are the same as the UNL General Admission Requirements. Students who are admitted through the Admission by Review process may have certain conditions attached to their enrollment at UNL. These conditions are explained under “Removal of Deficiencies.”

In addition to these requirements, the College of Arts and Sciences strongly recommends a third and fourth year of one foreign language in high school. Four years of high school coursework in the same language will fulfill the College of Arts and Sciences’ language requirement. It will also allow students to continue language study at a more advanced level at UNL, and provide more opportunity to study abroad.

Advising

Academic and Career Advising
The Academic and Career Advising Center in 107 Oldfather is a centrally located and easily accessed resource for students in all majors in the College of Arts and Sciences. The professional academic advisors and career coaches offer 1-1 meetings on a walk-in and appointment basis weekdays. Advisors will provide assistance choosing majors and minors, understanding degree requirements and academic policies, completing paperwork, meeting deadlines, adding/dropping courses, and planning for graduation. In addition, career coaches can help students identify career options related to their interests and connect them with experiences like internships, research, and more that will prepare them for those career options. These specially trained advisors and coaches also serve as first point of contact in the College for all incoming freshmen and transfer students during New Student Enrollment.

Students in the College who have declared a major will be assigned an academic advisor who is their first point of contact for a variety of questions. Academic advisors help students be successful in adjusting to UNL overall as well as making progress toward degree completion.

The assigned advisor may be located within the department of their primary major, or in the Advising Center. Students can identify their assigned advisor in MyRED on the academics tab. In addition, faculty advisors are experts in their discipline, including advanced coursework and requirements, opportunities for research, student organizations, and considering graduate school in the discipline. Students who have declared a pre-health or pre-law area of interest will also work with advisors in the Exploratory and Pre-Professional Advising Center (Explore Center) in 127 Love Library South, who are specially trained to guide students preparing to enter a professional school.

For complete and current information on advisors for majors, minors, or pre-professional areas, contact the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall, 402-472-4190, http://cas.unl.edu/advising.

College Degree Requirements

College Distribution Requirements

Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science (16 hours + Language)
The College of Arts and Sciences distribution requirements are designed to ensure a breadth of courses within the liberal arts degree. By engaging in study in several different areas within the College, students develop the ability to learn in a variety of ways and apply their knowledge from a variety of perspectives. All requirements are in addition to University ACE requirements.

- A student may not use a single course to satisfy both an ACE outcome and a College distribution requirement.
- A student may not use a single course to satisfy more than one College Distribution Requirement.
- A student may not use a course from their primary major to satisfy the Breadth Requirement (F), but may apply an ancillary requirement of the primary major or a course from their second major toward this requirement.
- Independent study, directed readings, or internship courses cannot be used to satisfy a College Distribution Requirement.
- Cross-listed courses from interdisciplinary programs will be applied in the same area as courses from the home/cross-listed department.

College Distribution Requirements

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<th>CDR A - Written Communication</th>
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<td>Select from courses approved for ACE outcome 1.</td>
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<td>CDR B and BL - Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences with Lab</td>
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<td>Select from biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, computer science, geology, meteorology, mathematics, physics and statistics. Must include one lab in the natural or physical sciences. Lab courses may be selected from biochemistry, biological sciences, chemistry, geology, meteorology and physics.</td>
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<td>Some courses from geography and anthropology may also be used to satisfy the lab requirement above.</td>
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<td>CDR C - Humanities</td>
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<td>Select from classics, English, history, modern languages and literatures, philosophy, and religious studies.</td>
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<td>CDR D - Social Science</td>
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<td>Select from anthropology, communication studies, geography, political science, psychology, or sociology.</td>
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Courses taken at UNO and UNK impact the UNL transcript. No transfer restrictions on C- and D grades. A minimum of 120 semester hours of credit is required for graduation. Minimum hours required for graduation.

Language Requirement
UNL and the College of Arts and Sciences place great value on academic exposure and proficiency in a second language. The UNL entrance requirement of two years of the same foreign language or the College’s language distribution requirement (CDR E) will rarely be waived and only with relevant documentation. See the main College of Arts and Sciences page for more details.

Minimum Hours Required for Graduation
A minimum of 120 semester hours of credit is required for graduation from the College of Arts and Sciences. A total grade point average of at least 2.0 is required.

Grade Rules
Restrictions on C- and D Grades
The College will accept no more than 15 semester hours of C- and D grades from other domestic institutions except for UNO and UNK. All courses taken at UNO and UNK impact the UNL transcript. No transfer of C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. No UNL C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. International coursework (including education abroad) with a final grade equivalent to a C- or lower will not be validated by College of Arts and Sciences departments to be degree applicable.

Pass/No Pass Privilege
The College of Arts and Sciences adheres to the University regulations for the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege with the following additional regulations:

- Pass/No Pass hours can count toward fulfillment of University ACE requirements and college distribution requirements up to the 24-hour maximum.
- Most arts and sciences departments and programs do not allow courses graded Pass/No Pass to apply to the major or minor. Students should refer to the department’s or program’s section of the catalog for clarification. By college rule, departments can allow up to 6 hours of Pass/No Pass in the major or minor.
- Departments may specify that certain courses of theirs can be taken only on a P/N basis.
- The college will permit no more than a total of 24 semester hours of P/N grades to be applied toward degree requirements. This total includes all Pass grades earned at UNL and other U.S. schools. NOTE: This 24-hour limit is more restrictive than the University regulation.

Grading Appeals
A student who feels that he/she has been unfairly graded must ordinarily take the following sequential steps in a timely manner, usually by initiating the appeal in the semester following the awarding of the grade:

1. Talk with the instructor concerned. Most problems are resolved at this point.
2. Talk to the instructor’s department chairperson.
3. Take the case to the Grading Appeal Committee of the department concerned. The Committee should be contacted through the department chairperson.
4. Take the case to the College Grading Appeals Committee by contacting the Dean’s Office, 1223 Oldfather Hall.

Course Level Requirements
Courses Numbered at the 300 or 400 Level
Thirty (30) of the 120 semester hours of credit must be in courses numbered at the 300 or 400 level. Of those 30 hours, 15 hours (1/2) must be completed in residence at UNL.

Residency Requirement
Students must complete at least 30 of the 120 total hours for their degree at UNL. Students must complete at least 1/2 of their major coursework including 6 hours at the 300 or 400 level in their major, and 15 of the 30 hours required at the 300 or 400 level in residence. Credit earned during education abroad may be used toward the residency requirement only if students register through UNL.

ACE Requirements
Consistent with the mission and values of the University, ACE is based on a shared set of four institutional objectives and ten student learning outcomes. The ACE program was approved by faculty in all eight undergraduate colleges and endorsed by the Faculty Senate, the student government, and the Academic Planning Committee in January 2008.
for implementation in the fall 2009. ACE aligns with current national initiatives in general education.

To meet the ACE Program requirement, a student will complete a minimum of 3 credit hours for each of the ten ACE Student Learning Outcomes (a total of 30 ACE credit hours). See the ACE website at: http://ace.unl.edu for the most current information and the most recently certified courses.

Catalog to Use

Students must fulfill the requirements stated in the catalog for the academic year in which they are first admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at UNL. In consultation with advisors, a student may choose to follow a subsequent catalog for any academic year in which they are admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at UNL in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year. Beginning in 1990-1991 the catalog which a student follows for degree requirements may not be more than 10 years old at the time of graduation.

Requirements for Minor Offered by Department

Students will develop a plan of study in consultation with the national security studies minor coordinator.

Core Course

POLS 160 / GLST 160 International Relations 3
or NSST 175 Introduction to National Security
Credit Hours Subtotal: 3

Writing and Analysis Courses

Writing

Select one of the following: 1 3
NSST 375 Writing and Briefing for the National Security Enterprise
ENGL 254 Writing and Communities

Critical Thinking/Analysis

Select one of the following: 3-4
NSST 376 Analysis for the National Security Establishment
COMM 312 Argumentation
CRIM 251 Research Methods
POLS 286 Political Analysis
PSYC 350 Research Methods and Data Analysis
SOCI 205 Introduction to Social Research Methods
SOCI 206 Introduction to Social Statistics
Credit Hours Subtotal: 6

Topics in Security

Select three courses with at least one at the 300 level and one at the 400 level. 1 9
ANTH 353 Anthropology of War
CRIM 476 Terrorism
GEOG 217 Mapping Science in the 21st Century
GEOG 312 / NRES 312 Introduction to Geospatial Information Sciences
GEOG 412 / NRES 412 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
GEOG 418 / 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
NRES 104 Climate in Crisis
POLS 261 / ANTH 261 / SOCI 261 Conflict and Conflict Resolution
POLS 263 Causes of War and Peace
POLS 270 From National to Human Security
POLS 332 Climate Change: Policy and Politics
POLS 362 Globalization, Human Rights and Diversity
POLS 363 United States Foreign Policy
POLS 375 / 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 476 / 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
Credit Hours Subtotal: 9

Capstone

NSST 475 Threats and Solutions to Global Security in the 21st Century 3
Credit Hours Subtotal: 3
Total Credit Hours 21

1 Other courses, including Special Topics courses, that have a significant national security component may also be applied to the minor by approval of the minor advisor.

Grade Rules

C- and D Grades
A grade of B- or above is required for all courses in the minor.

Pass/No Pass
No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the minor.
NSST 175 Introduction to National Security
Description: Topics ranging from terrorism and international organized crime to environmental degradation and post-conflict reconstruction. Introduces each topic through both a theoretical and empirical lens, helping understand what is happening in the world and why.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

NSST 375 Writing and Briefing for the National Security Enterprise
Description: Write clearly, concisely, and convincingly across a range of formats common in the national security enterprise. Orally present complex subjects clearly, succinctly and with authority.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

NSST 376 Analysis for the National Security Establishment
Description: Overview of the analytic process, along with various tools students can use to approach problems and generate and test hypotheses. Presented in three sections: Approaching Problems, Hypothesis Vetting, and Specific Tools.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

NSST 475 Threats and Solutions to Global Security in the 21st Century
Prerequisites: National Security Studies Minor.
Notes: Capstone course for all senior National Security Studies minors.
Description: Focus on simulations of threats to national security and challenge problems to reach solutions.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC