



# NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES MINOR

## Description

The national security studies minor (NSST) is an interdisciplinary program that provides undergraduates across campus (in 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 issues. Students interested in national security issues and related careers such as the United States Intelligence Community, will gain a set of analytical skills relevant to global issues will benefit from the minor. Students who have completed the NSST requirements will, upon graduation, receive a minor in national security studies. Drawing upon the most current expertise in the field through guest speakers and lecturers, students will be trained 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).

## Academic and Career Advising

### Academic and Career Advising Center

Not sure where to go or who to ask? The Advising Center team in 107 Oldfather Hall can help. The Academic and Career Advising Center is the undergraduate hub for CAS students in all majors. Centrally located and easily accessed, students encounter friendly, knowledgeable people who are eager to help or connect students to partner resources. Students also visit the Advising Center in 107 Oldfather Hall to:

- Choose or change their major, minor, or degree program.
- Check on policies, procedures, and deadlines.
- Get a college approval signature from the Dean's representatives.

CAS Career Coaches are available by appointment (in-person or Zoom) and located in the CAS Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall. They help students explore majors and minors, gain experience, and develop a plan for life after graduation.

### Assigned Academic Advisors

Academic advisors are critical resources dedicated to students' academic, personal, and professional success. Every CAS student is assigned an academic advisor based on their primary major. Since most CAS students have more than just a single major, it is important to get to know the advisor for any minors or additional majors. Academic advisors work closely with the faculty to provide the best overall support and the discipline specific expertise. They are available for appointments (in-person or Zoom) and through weekly virtual drop-ins. Assigned advisors are listed in MyRED (<https://its.unl.edu/myunl/>) and their offices may be located in or near the department of the major for which they advise.

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 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, visit <https://cas.unl.edu/major-advisors> (<https://cas.unl.edu/major-advisors/>), or connect with the Arts and Sciences

Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall, 402-472-4190, [casadvising@unl.edu](mailto:casadvising@unl.edu).

## Career Coaching

The College believes that **Academics + Experience = Opportunities** and encourages students to complement their academic preparation with real-world experience, including internships, research, education abroad, service, and leadership. Arts and sciences students have access to a powerful network of faculty, staff, and advisors dedicated to providing information and support for their goals of meaningful employment or advanced education. Arts and sciences graduates have unlimited career possibilities and carry with them important career competencies—communication, critical thinking, creativity, context, and collaboration. They have the skills and adaptability that employers universally value. Graduates are prepared to effectively contribute professionally and personally with a solid foundation to excel in an increasingly global, technological, and interdisciplinary world.

Students should contact the career coaches in the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center in 107 Oldfather Hall, or their assigned advisor, for more information. The CAS career coaches help students explore career options, identify ways to build experience and prepare to apply for internships, jobs, or graduate school, including help with resumes, applications, and interviewing.

## ACE Requirements

Students must complete one course for each of the ACE Student Learning Outcomes below. Certified course choices are published in the degree audit, or visit the ACE (<http://ace.unl.edu>) website (<http://ace.unl.edu>) for the most current list of certified courses.

### ACE Student Learning Outcomes

ACE 1: Write texts, in various forms, with an identified purpose, that respond to specific audience needs, integrate research or existing knowledge, and use applicable documentation and appropriate conventions of format and structure.

ACE 2: Demonstrate competence in communication skills.

ACE 3: Use mathematical, computational, statistical, logical, or other formal reasoning to solve problems, draw inferences, justify conclusions, and determine reasonableness.

ACE 4: Use scientific methods and knowledge to pose questions, frame hypotheses, interpret data, and evaluate whether conclusions about the natural and physical world are reasonable.

ACE 5: Use knowledge, historical perspectives, analysis, interpretation, critical evaluation, and the standards of evidence appropriate to the humanities to address problems and issues.

ACE 6: Use knowledge, theories, and research perspectives such as statistical methods or observational accounts appropriate to the social sciences to understand and evaluate social systems or human behaviors.

ACE 7: Use knowledge, theories, or methods appropriate to the arts to understand their context and significance.

ACE 8: Use knowledge, theories, and analysis to explain ethical principles and their importance in society.

ACE 9: Exhibit global awareness or knowledge of human diversity through analysis of an issue.

ACE 10: Generate a creative or scholarly product that requires broad knowledge, appropriate technical proficiency, information collection, synthesis, interpretation, presentation, and reflection.

## College Degree Requirements

### College Distribution Requirements

The College of Arts and Sciences distribution requirements are designed to ensure a range of courses across disciplines 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, and no course can be used to fulfill 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, with the exception of CDR Diversity. Courses used to meet CDR Diversity may also meet CDR Writing, CDR Humanities, or CDR Social Science.
- Internship (395 or 495), independent study or readings (396 or 496), research (398 or 498), and thesis (399, 399H, 499, or 499H) will not satisfy distribution requirements.
- Other courses with a 9 in the middle number (ex. PSYC 292) will not satisfy distribution requirements unless approved by an advisor.
- Cross-listed courses from interdisciplinary programs will be applied in the same area as courses from the lead department.

#### CDR: Written Communication

Select from courses approved for ACE outcome 1.

#### CDR: Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences <sup>1</sup>

Select a course from ASTR, BIOS, CHEM, GEOL, LIFE, METR, MATH, PHYS, or ANTH 242, GEOG 155, GEOG 281, POLS 250, or PSYC 273.

#### CDR: Laboratory <sup>2</sup>

Laboratory courses may be embedded in a 4-5 credit course used in CDR Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Science (example GEOG 155), or stand alone (example LIFE 120L).

#### CDR: Humanities <sup>3</sup>

Select a course from ARAB, CHIN, CLAS, CZEC, ENGL, FILM, FREN, GERM, GREK, HIST, JAPN, LATN, PHIL, RELG, RUSS, or SPAN.

#### CDR: Social Science <sup>4</sup>

Select a course from ANTH, COMM, GEOG, NSST, POLS, PSYC, or SOCI.

#### CDR: Human Diversity in U.S. Communities

Select from the following approved courses also listed in your degree audit: ANTH 130, ANTH 412, ANTH 447, ANTH 473, ARAB/RELG 313, COMM 311, COMM 315, COMM/ETHN 335, COMM 364, COMM/ETHN 365, COMM 465, ENGL/WMNS 212, ENGL/ETHN 245N, ENGL/WMNS 312, ENGL/ETHN 345D, ENGL/ETHN/WMNS 345N, ENGL/ETHN 346, ENGL 376, ENGL 380, ENGL/ETHN 445, ETHN 100, ETHN 201, ETHN 202, ETHN 204, ETHN 484, FILM/ETHN 344, GEOG 271, GEOG 403, GLST/ANTH/MODL 214, GLST 350, HIST/ETHN/WMNS 115, HIST/ETHN 234, HIST/ETHN 246, HIST 251, HIST/ETHN 340, HIST 351/ETHN 341, HIST/ETHN/WMNS 356, HIST/ETHN 357, HIST/WMNS 402, HRHA 350, MODL 260, PHIL 105, PHIL 106, PHIL/WMNS 218, PHIL 323, PHIL 325, POLS/ETHN 333, POLS/WMNS 338, POLS 340, POLS 347, POLS 433, PSYC/ETHN 310, PSYC 330, PSYC/WMNS 421, PSYC/ETHN 425, RELG/HIST 134, RELG/ETHN/HIST 226, RELG/HIST 227, SOCI 101, SOCI 180, SOCI/WMNS 200, SOCI/ETHN 217, SPAN 206, SPAN 486, WMNS 101, WMNS 201, WMNS 202, WMNS 210

#### CDR: Language

##### BA Students <sup>5</sup>

Fulfilled by the completion of the 4th level of a single language (either in H.S. or in college). Language study at UNL is available in: ARAB, CHIN, CZEC, FREN, GERM, GREK, JAPN, LATN, SPAN, or SLPA.

##### BS Students <sup>6</sup>

Fulfilled by the completion of the 2nd level of a single language (either in H.S. or in college). Language study at UNL is available in: ARAB, CHIN, CZEC, FREN, GERM, GREK, JAPN, LATN, SPAN, or SLPA.

<sup>1</sup> *Excluded courses:* BIOC 101, BIOS 100, BIOS 180, CHEM 101, MBIO 101, PHYS 201, MATH 100A, MATH 101, MATH 101P, MATH 102, MATH 103, and MATH subject area credit at the 100 level or below.

<sup>2</sup> ANTH 242L, ASTR 224, BIOS 101L, BIOS 110L, BIOS 111, BIOS 116, BIOS 213L, BIOS 214, CHEM 105L, CHEM 106L, CHEM 109L, CHEM 110L, CHEM 113L, GEOG 155, GEOL 101, GEOL 103, LIFE 120L, LIFE 121L, METR 100, PHYS 141, PHYS 142, PHYS 153, PHYS 221, or PHYS 222.

<sup>3</sup> ARAB, CHIN, CZEC, FREN, GERM, GREK, JAPN, LATN, and SPAN courses must be numbered 300 or above. ENGL courses must be ENGL 170, ENGL 180, or ENGL 200 level and above. Excluded courses: CLAS 116, ENGL 254, ENGL 300, ENGL 354, SPAN 300A, SPAN 303, and SPAN 304.

<sup>4</sup> *Excluded courses:* ANTH 242/ANTH 242L, GEOG 155, GIST 111, GIST 311, POLS 101, POLS 250, PSYC 100, PSYC 273.

<sup>5</sup> ARAB 202, CHIN 202, CZEC 202, FREN 202 or FREN 210, GERM 202, GREK 301 and GREK 302, JAPN 201 and JAPN 202, LATN 301 and LATN 302, SPAN 202 or SPAN 210 or SPAN 300A or SLPA 202.

<sup>6</sup> ARAB 102, CHIN 102, CZEC 102, FREN 102, GERM 102, GREK 102 or GREK 151, JAPN 102, LATN 102, SPAN 102 or SPAN 110 or SPAN 300A, or SLPA 102.

## Language Requirement

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the College of Arts and Sciences place great value on academic exposure and proficiency in a second language. The University of Nebraska–Lincoln entrance requirement is successful completion of two levels of the same world language, and the College of Arts and Sciences degree requirement (CDR: Language) is proficiency through 4 levels for BA students, or 2 levels for BS students.

Levels are defined as years in High School, or semesters in college as documented on an official transcript.

Students who believe they are proficient in a language, but who do not have academic records of that proficiency, should consult with their academic advisor to explore alternative assessments which may include a proficiency examination by a UNL faculty member for languages taught at UNL, or through an approved private service for languages not taught at UNL (expenses for this service would be the student's responsibility.)

## Experiential Learning Requirement

All undergraduates in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete an Experiential Learning (EL) designated course. This may include 0-credit courses designed to document co-curricular activities recognized as Experiential Learning. Students should consult their assigned Academic Advisor and Career Coach for assistance identifying experiential learning opportunities relevant to their academic program, interests and goals.

The bachelor of science degree requires students to complete 60 hours in mathematical, physical, and natural sciences from disciplines within the College of Arts and Sciences or required in its majors: ACTS, ASTR, BIOC, BIOS, CHEM, CSCE, GEOL, LIFE, MBIO, METR, MATH, PHYS, STAT or ANTH 242, ANTH 242L, ANTH 341, ANTH 385, ANTH 386, ANTH 389, ANTH 416, ANTH 422, ANTH 430, ANTH 442, ANTH 443, ANTH 444, ANTH 448, ANTH 473, ANTH 484, ANTH 487D, ENVR 201, GEOG 155, GEOG 217, GEOG 281, GEOG 308, GEOG 317, GEOG 408, GEOG 417, GEOG 418, GEOG 419, GEOG 421, GEOG 422, GEOG 425, GEOG 427, GEOG 432, GEOG 444, GEOG 461, GEOG 467, PHIL 211, POLS 250, PSYC 273, PSYC 368, PSYC 370, PSYC 450, PSYC 451, PSYC 456, PSYC 458, PSYC 460, PSYC 461, PSYC 463, PSYC 464, or PSYC 465.

Excluded courses include: BIOC 101, BIOS 100, BIOS 180, CHEM 101, MATH 100A, MATH 101, MATH 101P, MATH 102, MATH 103, MBIO 101, PHYS 201 as well as any course numbered 395, 495, 399, 399H, 499, or 499H. MATH subject area credit at the 100 level or below is also excluded.

Up to 12 hours of scientific and technical courses offered by other colleges may be accepted toward this requirement with approval of the College of Arts and Sciences. See your assigned academic advisor to start the approval process.

## 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 cumulative 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 University of Nebraska–Lincoln 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 the College of Arts and Sciences departments to be degree applicable.

## Pass/No Pass Privilege

### University policy for the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege:

- Neither the P nor the N grade factor into your GPA.
- 'P' is interpreted to mean a grade of C or above. A grade of C- or lower results in a "N".
- A change to or from a Pass/No Pass may be made until mid-term (1/2 of the course - see the academic calendar for specific dates per term).
- The Pass/No Pass or grade registration cannot conflict with the policy of the professor, department, college, or University policy governing the grading options.
- Changing to or from the Pass/No Pass grading option requires using MyRED, or processing a Schedule Adjustment Form.
- For undergraduates, the University maximum of 24 'Pass' credit hours and/or college and department limits will apply. These limits do not include courses offered on a 'Pass/No Pass' basis only. Consult your advisor or the Undergraduate Catalog (<https://catalog.unl.edu/undergraduate/>) for restrictions on the number of 'Pass' hours you can apply toward your degree.
- The 'Pass/No Pass' grading option cannot be used for the removal of 'C-', 'D+', 'D', 'D-', or 'F' grade factors.  
*NOTE: See Course Repeats (<https://registrar.unl.edu/academic-standards/course-repeats/>)*

### College of Arts and Sciences policy on the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege:

- Pass hours can count toward fulfillment of University ACE requirements and college distribution requirements up to the 24-hour maximum.
- Most arts and sciences majors and minors do not permit any courses graded Pass/No Pass to apply, or limit them to no more than 6 hours. Students should refer to the major section of the catalog for clarification.
- Departments may specify that certain courses of theirs can be taken on a P/N-only or on a graded-only basis.

## 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 the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

## Residency Requirement

The term "Residency" refers to courses taken at UNL. Students must complete at least 30 of the 120 total hours for their degree at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Students must complete at least 18

hours of their major coursework, and 15 of the 30 hours required at the 300 or 400 level, at UNL.

## 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 the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. 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 the University of Nebraska–Lincoln 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.

**Transfer Students:** Students who have transferred from a community college may be eligible to fulfill the requirements as stated in the catalog for an academic year in which they were enrolled at the community college prior to attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This decision should be made in consultation with academic advisors, provided the student a) was enrolled in a community college during the catalog year they are utilizing, b) maintained continuous enrollment at the previous institution for 1 academic year or more, and c) continued enrollment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln within 1 calendar year from their last term at the previous institution. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year and within the time frame allowable for that catalog year.

## Requirements for Minor Offered by Department

Eighteen (18) hours as follows:

### Required Courses

POLS 160 / GLST 160	International Relations	3
NSST 275	Introduction to National Security	3
NSST 475	Threats and Solutions to Global Security in the 21st Century	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		9

### Topics and Skills Courses

Select 3 hours from the following:		3
NSST 390	Seminar in National Security	
NSST 391	Special Topics in National Security	
NSST 397	Professional Practice	

Or, an approved Internship or Education Abroad Experience<sup>1</sup>

Credit Hours Subtotal: 3

### Electives

Select 6 additional hours from the following with at least 3 hours at the 300 or 400 level.<sup>1</sup>

ANTH 353	Anthropology of War	
COMM 312	Argumentation	
CRIM 475	International Criminology and Criminal Justice	
CRIM 476	Terrorism	
GEOG 217	Principles of GIS	

GEOG 418 / NRES 418	Introduction to Remote Sensing	
GEOG 444	Geo-demographic and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	
HIST 304	United States Military History Since 1917	
HIST 324	The Cold War	
HIST 326	Algeria and France	
HIST 337	History of Modern Espionage and Intelligence	
HIST 338	War and Peace in Europe: 1914 to the Present	
HIST 368	History of Terrorism in the Modern World	
HIST 386	History of Radical Islam	
METR 180	Climate Change, Energy, and the Environment	
NRES 218	Introduction to Geospatial Technologies	
NSST 390	Seminar in National Security	
NSST 391	Special Topics in National Security	
NSST 397	Professional Practice	
POLS 261 / SOCI 261	Conflict and Conflict Resolution	
POLS 263	Causes of War and Peace	
POLS 268	Threats to World Order	
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 463	American Foreign Policy and the Use of the Military	
POLS 470	International Human Rights	
POLS 472	State Terror	
POLS 476 / JUDS 476	Ethnic Conflict and Identity	
POLS 479	Insurgency, Guerrilla Warfare, and Terrorism	
RELG 418	Fundamentalism, Religion, and Politics	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		6
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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, unless it is only graded P/N.

**NSST 275 Introduction to National Security****Prerequisites:** POLS 160**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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**NSST 390 Seminar in National Security****Prerequisites:** NSST Minor**Description:** Speaker based seminar course on national security, topics vary**Credit Hours:** 1-3**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 6**Grading Option:** Graded**NSST 391 Special Topics in National Security****Description:** National Security Topics. Topics Vary**Credit Hours:** 1-6**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 6**Max credits per degree:** 6**Grading Option:** Graded**NSST 397 Professional Practice****Description:** Independent or team research guided by a professor. The topic must be in national security and engagement from an outside partner in industry or government is preferred.**Credit Hours:** 1-3**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 9**Grading Option:** Graded**Experiential Learning:** Case/Project-Based Learning**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**Grading Option:** Graded