



NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES (NSST)

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 360 Weapons of Mass Destruction

Description: Examination of the scientific and technological details of chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) weapons and potentially massive disruptive effects of cyber-attack and electromagnetic events. Topics include: history and proliferation of weapons, political will and 'red lines', applicable treaties and disarmament agreements involved in deterrence and WMD counterproliferation.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: FALL/SPR

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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

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