

SECURITY STUDIES MINOR

<https://cola.unh.edu/political-science/program/minor/security-studies>

Description

The security studies minor will provide students with the opportunity to explore the many dimensions of security through the interdisciplinary study of political science, anthropology, communication, geography, history, humanities, justice studies, sociology, women's and gender studies, economics and aerospace studies. This well-rounded curriculum will enable students to build upon their interest in political science by specializing in an area of increasing importance — domestic and global security.

The field of security studies has always been important within the discipline of political science, but the concept of security has broadened and become more problematized in recent years. Following the terrorist attacks of 9/11, federal, state and local governments created thousands of jobs that require knowledge of security issues and the ability to conduct research. Leaders at all levels count on staff with analytical skills to design and conduct research to support decision-making, and communicate the results of this research effectively to policy-makers. Individuals who understand the national security environment and have the ability to design and conduct research are in critical demand in the public sector, private sector and not-for-profit entities.

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Requirements

1. Five courses (20 credits)
2. Students must receive a grade of C or better for a course to count toward the minor requirements.
3. No more than 8 credits may double count between majors and minors. Thus, political science majors pursuing the security studies minor can only double count up to two of the three required political science courses below. The third required course must be taken in addition to courses taken to fulfill major requirements.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
Select one core POLT course of the following:		4
POLT 560	World Politics	
POLT 562	Strategy and National Security Policy	
POLT 568	International Security	
Select two intermediate POLT courses of the following:		8
POLT 403	United States in World Affairs	
POLT 513	Civil Rights and Liberties	
POLT 545	People and Politics in Asia	
POLT 546	Wealth and Politics in Asia	
POLT 548	Drug Wars	
POLT 551	Ethnicity, Violence, Democracy	
POLT 554	Revolution and Protest in Latin America	
POLT 556	Politics in China	
POLT 559	Comparative Politics of the Middle East	
POLT 560	World Politics ¹	
POLT #561	Introduction to International Political Economy	
POLT 562	Strategy and National Security Policy ¹	
POLT #563	The Global Information Grid's Disruptive Impact on Government, Politics, and Society	

POLT 565	United States Policy in Latin America	
POLT 566	Asian Challenge to Global Order	
POLT 568	International Security ¹	
POLT 569	The Rise of China	
POLT #570	Counterterrorism: Nation states' responses to terrorist activity	
POLT 592	Selected Topics in International Politics	
POLT 595	Smart Politics	
POLT 740	States and Societies in the Middle East	
POLT 742	Politics of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India	
POLT 751	Comparative Environmental Politics and Policy	
POLT 760	Theories of International Relations	
POLT 762	International Political Economy	
POLT #765	Security Intelligence Study	
POLT 778	International Organization	
POLT 797C	Seminar in Comparative Politics	
POLT 797E	Seminar in International Politics	
Electives		
Select two electives from other disciplines (at least one must be in a humanities department or program)		8
Total Credits		20

¹ If not counted for core requirement.

Electives within humanities departments and programs:

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 537	Espionage and History	4
HIST 619	Foreign Relations of the United States	4
HIST 620	Foreign Relations of the United States	4
HUMA 525	Humanities and the Law	4
PHIL #635	Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Law and Justice	4

Electives outside humanities departments and programs:

Code	Title	Credits
CMN 456	Propaganda and Persuasion	4
JUST 405	Technology, Crime, and Society: A Forensic Exploration of High-Tech and Digital Crime	4
PSYC 756	Psychology of Crime and Justice	4
SOC 450	Contemporary Social Problems	4
SOC 515	Introductory Criminology	4
SOC #656	Terrorism	4
SOC 693	Global Social Change	4
Other POLT courses can be approved by the core faculty upon request.		

Once students have declared the minor, they are required to meet with the coordinator or appropriate affiliated faculty adviser at least once per semester for regular review and assessment of their program, learning outcomes, and progress toward the degree.

Transfer credits may be approved by the coordinator to count toward the minor. If the transfer credit is accepted by the University and fits within the scope of the minor, it will be considered.