SECURITY STUDIES MINOR

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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 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.

Required Courses

Select one core POLT course of the following: 4
- POLT 560 World Politics
- POLT 562 Strategy and National Security Policy
- POLT 568 Introduction to Intelligence

Select two intermediate POLT courses of the following: 8
- POLT 513 Civil Rights and Liberties
- POLT 548 Drug Wars
- POLT 559 Comparative Politics of the Middle East
- POLT 560 World Politics 1
- POLT 562 Strategy and National Security Policy 1
- POLT 565 United States Policy in Latin America
- POLT 567 Politics of Global Resources
- POLT 568 Introduction to Intelligence 1

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:

- ANTH 411 Global Perspectives on the Human Condition: An Introduction to Anthropology 4
- ANTH 680 Globalization, Development, and Poverty 4
- GEOG 402 Regional Geography of the Non-Western World 4
- HIST 444C World War Propaganda in Britain and the United States 4
- HIST 444E American at War: Society, Culture, and the Home Front 4
- HIST 537 Espionage and History 4
- HIST 613 American Ways of War 4
- HIST 620 Foreign Relations of the United States 4
- HIST #679 Rights Revolution 4
- HIST 680 Historical Geography 4
- PHIL 430 Ethics and Society 4
- PHIL 436 Social and Political Philosophy 4
- or PHIL #437 Social and Political Philosophy 4
- PHIL 635 Philosophy of Law 4
- WS 405 Gender, Power and Privilege 4
- WS 798 Colloquium 4

Electives outside humanities departments and programs:

- AERO 681 National Security Affairs I 4
- AERO 682 National Security Affairs II 4
- CMN 456 Propaganda and Persuasion 4
- CMN 772 Seminar in Media Theory 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 515 Introductory Criminology 4
- SOC 540 Contemporary Social Problems 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.