

# 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 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

- Five courses (20 credits)
- Students must receive a grade of C or better for a course to count toward the minor requirements.
- 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
<b>Required Courses</b>		
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 <sup>1</sup>	
POLT 562	Strategy and National Security Policy <sup>1</sup>	
POLT 563	The Global Information Grid's Disruptive Impact on Government, Politics, and Society	
POLT #565	United States Policy in Latin America	
POLT 567	Politics of Global Resources	

POLT 568	Introduction to Intelligence <sup>1</sup>
POLT 570	Counterterrorism: Nation states' responses to terrorist activity
POLT 595	Smart Politics
POLT 765	Security Intelligence Study
POLT 778	International Organization

### Electives

Select two electives from other disciplines (at least one must be in a humanities department or program) 8

Total Credits 20

<sup>1</sup> If not counted for core requirement.

### Electives within humanities departments and programs:

Code	Title	Credits
ANTH 411	Global Perspectives on the Human Condition: An Introduction to Anthropology	4
ANTH 680		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	
PHIL 635	Philosophy of Law	4
WS 405	Gender, Power and Privilege	4
WS 798	Colloquium	4

### Electives outside humanities departments and programs:

Code	Title	Credits
AERO 681	National Security Affairs/Preparation for Active Duty I	4
AERO 682	National Security Affairs/Preparation for Active Duty 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.