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.

Electives

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

Electives outside humanities departments and programs:

If not counted for core requirement.

Total Credits 20

1 Code  Title Credits
1 POLT 566 United States Policy in Latin America 4
2 POLT 566 Asian Challenge to Global Order 4
3 POLT 568 International Security 4
4 POLT 569 The Rise of China 4
5 POLT 569 Counterterrorism: Nation states’ responses to terrorist activity 4
6 POLT 569 Selected Topics in International Politics 4
7 POLT 569 Smart Politics 4
8 POLT 740 States and Societies in the Middle East 4
9 POLT 742 Politics of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India 4
10 POLT 751 Comparative Environmental Politics and Policy 4
11 POLT 760 Theories of International Relations 4
12 POLT 762 International Political Economy 4
13 POLT 765 Security Intelligence Study 4
14 POLT 778 International Organization 4
15 POLT 797C Seminar in Comparative Politics 4
16 POLT 797E Seminar in International Politics 4
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Electives within humanities departments and programs:

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

Electives outside humanities departments and programs:

If not counted for core requirement.

Total Credits 20

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