

Global Security Studies Minor

18-hour Minor; 6 courses

Traditional and Online

Familiarizes students with the skills and background necessary for entry-level employment in the national security sector

Course	Description
ISS 135: Intro to Global & Nat'l Security Studies	This course provides an overview of national security institutions, players, decision-making process, policies, ethics, and laws. It examines the U.S. National Security Strategy as well as perennial and emerging threats to global security.
ISS 301: Survey of U.S. Nat'l Security Policy	This course surveys the key issues and ideas associated with U.S. national security policy from the Cold War to the present. The course is designed to enhance students' capacity to evaluate competing theories and arguments surrounding debates about U.S. national security policy. SUBSTITUTION: POL 335: Intl Politics of Nuclear Weapons
ISS 351: Advanced Analytics I	This course introduces analytic methods and techniques used for effective decision-making. Students will gain practical skills in writing and briefing for national security policymakers.
ISS 360: Overview of Cybersecurity & Policy	This course provides an overview of cybersecurity with a focus on its relationship to broad national and global security issues. The course examines cybersecurity institutions, strategy, policies, and laws. The course also explores the concepts of cyber espionage, cyberattack, and cyberwarfare.
ISS 480: National Security Issues of the 21st Century	This course examines contemporary global security topics and issues challenging national security policymakers such as great power competition, regional security threats, transnational threats, and climate change.
Elective	Elective ISS courses (ISS 125, ISS 420, ISS 490) or courses offered by other departments related to global security topics (i.e. foreign policy, terrorism, war, WMD, cyber, etc.)

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Intelligence and Security Studies Minor

18-hour Minor; 6 courses

Familiarizes students with the skills and background necessary for entry-level employment in the Intelligence Community

Course	Description
ISS 125: Introduction to Intelligence Studies	This course provides an overview of the organizational makeup of the U.S. Intelligence Community (IC); the laws, guidelines and ethics pertaining to intelligence collection; and employment/internship possibilities in the IC will be presented. Students will be given an introduction to analytical procedures and writing/briefing for policymakers.
ISS 351: Advanced Analytics I	This course introduces analytic methods and techniques used for effective decision-making. Students will gain practical skills in writing and briefing for national security policymakers.
ISS 352: Advanced Analytics II	A follow-up course to ISS 351. Students learn about the challenges inherent in analytics and methodologies used to overcome biases and present findings in a meaningful way. The course is designed to acquaint students with methods to maximize analytical rigor and provide policymakers with the intelligence necessary for them to make decisions under conditions of uncertainty and ambiguity.
ISS 490: Internship	Internship to facilitate the integration of curriculum content through supervised experiences with an approved intelligence community, national security organization, other government, or private sector agency.
ISS 499: Capstone	Group project of original, supervised research in an area of interest to the intelligence community.
Elective	Any ISS 300- and 400-level course to include ISS 301 (Survey of U.S. Nat'l Security Policy), ISS 360 (Overview of Cybersecurity & Policy), ISS 420 (Special Topics) and ISS 480 (Nat'l Security Issues of the 21 st Century)

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