National Security Studies
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The minor in national security studies provides focused study of national security issues in an interdisciplinary context. It is designed for those students who wish to pursue in-depth study of issues such as security policy, intelligence issues, energy security policy, economic/trade security issues, terrorism, WMD and policy, and politico-military affairs. It will also be useful for students interested in professionally related careers in governmental or non-governmental organizations.

Requirements for a minor in national security studies: 22 credits chosen from courses listed below (12 credits required, two credits of capstone thesis and eight credits elective). The two credits of capstone thesis will be in a topic concerning contemporary national security conducted in an appropriate department such as politics and government, philosophy, religion, history or economics. This project will normally consist of a twenty to twenty-five page paper and a 20-minute oral presentation approved by the national security studies advisor. Students electing a major in politics and government may count no more than eight credits hours from the Department of Politics and Government toward a national security studies minor.

Required Courses for all:
- POL 343: U.S. National Security Policy
- POL 550: National Security Capstone

Required: 8 credits chosen from the following:
- POL 381: United States Foreign Policy
- POL 385: Terrorism and Intelligence
- REL 321: Ethics and International Affairs (same as IDS 321 and POL 383)

Elective: 8 credits chosen from the following:
- ANT 222: Anthropology and Contemporary Global Issues
- ECO 361: Development Economics I or ECO 461: Development Economics II
- ECO 452: International Economics
- HIS 282: World History (same as GLB 282)
- HIS 351: World War I: Causes, Conduct, and Consequences (additional offerings in history dealing with diplomacy, war and politics will also be considered)
- HIS 362: Topics in History of the Modern Middle East
- PHL 353: Human Rights
- POL 372: Development and Change in Latin America
- POL 373: China in Transition
- POL 376: Politics of Contemporary Europe
- POL 380: Topics in International Politics: International Relations
- REL 322: Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective (same as IDS 322 and POL 375)

Any two Military Science courses depending on offering with consent of the National Security Studies Advisor and ROTC Commander. Courses must deal with military policy, history, organization or roles. Examples of such a course is:
- MIL 305: U.S. Army Campaign History

Other courses related to national security and security studies as approved by the program coordinator.