

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND POLITICS

M.S. in National Security Affairs and International Relations (NSAIR)

FALL 2025
COURSE SCHEDULE
TERM (202620)

NSU Florida

Important Details:

Term dates: August 18, 2025 – December 07, 2025

Registration Period: April 16, 2025 – August 24, 2025

- For course registration guide: Log into Sharklink using your student ID.
- Use Degree Works for degree planning at: <https://www.nova.edu/registrar/degreeworks.html>
- For any registration changes starting August 25, please contact the Department.
- For add/drop, refund and other important term dates, please consult the 2025-2026 Graduate Academic Calendar: <https://hcas.nova.edu/current-students>
- For cybersecurity concentration students, the courses are taken at the College of Computing and Engineering.
- Students planning to pursue either the comprehensive examination or the thesis option are advised to contact the Academic Coordinator at least two months in advance.

For questions relating to your registration, kindly contact either: Dr. Ransford Edwards (Faculty Coordinator) at redwards@nova.edu or Nascene Grant (Academic Program Coordinator) at gn183@nova.edu or call 954-262-3025.

N.B: Please note that this schedule is subject to change.

| Core Courses | | | | |
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| CRN | SUBJECT | SECTION | COURSE NAME & DESCRIPTION | INSTRUCTOR |
| 22526 | NSAM 5005 | Online | <p>Research and Evaluation in National Security Affairs</p> <p>This course provides an in-depth introduction to the fundamental logic and principles of research design, with additional focus areas in critical thinking and analysis. Students will gain familiarity with key concepts in the philosophy of science and current debates over appropriate methods of data collection and analysis of the social sciences. Students will learn the differences between quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods research. Students will then be expected to formulate a research question, develop a set of hypotheses, develop a strategy for data collection, develop a literature review, and finally to formulate ways to operationalize their study.</p> | Dr. Flores Lorries |
| 24718 | | Hybrid | | |
| 22527 | NSAM 5010 | Online | <p>US Foreign Policy and National Security</p> <p>This course examines the history of United States foreign policy from World War II to the present, with an emphasis on the emergence of national security as the dominant feature of policymaking in this period. In this class, we will explore the expanding global reach of U.S. interests since 1945, paying considerable attention to the role of the Cold War and the War on Terror in the creation of and continued expansion of a national security apparatus within the United States government. In readings and course discussions students will be exposed to key concepts such as the national interest and identity, isolationism and internationalism, and realist and idealist approaches to foreign policy. Students will also be exposed to the major schools of thought on US foreign policy and develop a greater contextual understanding of contemporary policies and issues in national security.</p> | Dr. David Kilroy |
| 24572 | NSAM 5014 | Hybrid | <p>Ethical Issues in National Security</p> <p>This course provides an introduction to moral reasoning through a philosophical examination of major ethical problems in the context of national security, such as those encountered by security professionals; intelligence gathering; military engagements; responses to terrorism, among others. The relationship between security interests and traditional democratic values such as privacy, truth and honesty will also be explored. Students will be introduced to the idea that ethical problems are largely a matter of normative ethical (philosophical) theory.</p> | Dr. Jeremy Wrissman |
| 22529 | NSAM 5502 | Online | <p>Directed Readings in National Security Affairs (Independent Study)</p> <p>This course examines specific aspects of national security affairs. It is designed so it may be taken as an independent study or with a small group of students so topics on individual research interest in this area may be pursued. Under the instructor's guidance, the directed readings, the final project, and any other</p> | Dr. David Kilroy |

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| | | | assignments will be set forth. The course will provide an opportunity for the enhancement of subject matter knowledge and expertise. | |
| Elective & Thesis | | | | |
| 22495 | NSAM 5650 | Hybrid | <p>Economic Statecraft in National Security Affairs</p> <p>This course examines the economic strategies employed by states to press other states to follow established agendas. Achieving National Security Policy objectives frequently involves the integrative use of sanctions, embargoes, boycotts, dumping, freezing of assets, strategic materials policies, tariffs, as well as opening of markets, foreign investments, partnerships, and other developmental activities. Economic Statecraft is seen as a peaceful strategy to force countries to negotiate and then build their economy for strategic alignment.</p> <p>(Wednesday 6:00 PM-8:50 PM)</p> | Dr. Ransford Edwards |
| 22530 | NSAM 6700 | Online | <p>Directed Thesis in National Security Affairs and International Relations (3-6 Credits)</p> <p>The directed thesis serves as a capstone on the student's experience in the National Security Affairs and International Relations (M.S.) program. As such preparation for this course began on day one of the students' course of study of in the program. The theories, research methods and analytical skills, and substantive knowledge acquired by the student through the master's curriculum provide the foundation upon which this thesis project is built. Students must complete all other coursework in the program before undertaking the directed thesis. Working under the direction of a designated faculty member in the program students will be responsible for developing and planning an innovative project, crafting a viable thesis, engaging in research using appropriate primary and secondary resource material, and executing a polished work of analysis that contributes to knowledge in the field. In addition to submitting a written thesis, students are required to offer an oral defense of their project. Every Year: Fall, Winter & Summer.</p> | TBD |
| CYBERSECURITY CONCENTRATION: COLLEGE OF COMPUTING & ENGINEERING | | | | |
| 22572 | ISEC 0615 | Online | <p>Fundamentals of Cybersecurity (Monday 6pm-7:50pm)</p> <p>An overview of the technical aspects of cybersecurity. Issues discussed include confidentiality, integrity, and availability (CIA), as well as authentication, access control, trust, and non-repudiation. Furthermore, topics covered include the threat types and attack vectors used for compromising computer and network security. Investigation of fundamental cybersecurity and assurance technologies that can be applied to mitigate threat vectors. The selection of appropriate information security applications, security lifecycles, as well as controls utilized to protect computers and networks from the variety of threat vectors will also be covered.</p> | Dr. Yair Levy |
| 22573 | ISEC 0620 | Online | <p>Applied Cryptography</p> <p>Fundamental concept, principle, and theory of cryptography and its applications. Topics include, but not necessarily limited, CIA triad, symmetric encryption/decryption techniques such as DES and AES, asymmetric</p> | Junping Sun |

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| | | | encryption/decryption techniques such as RSA, cryptographic theory and data integrity algorithms such as cryptographic hash functions, message authentication codes (MAC), digital signatures, cryptographic protocols, cryptanalysis, key management and distribution, etc. Prerequisites: CISC 502 (or equivalent). | |
| 22576 | ISEC 0609 | Online | <p style="text-align: center;">Information Security Project</p> <p>This project course focuses on integrating best practices for protecting critical information infrastructures through national cybersecurity standards and systems assessments in order to help students develop a final information security project focusing on Network Security Engineering. Students may enroll in this class only after completing all of the information security core courses. Upon request, the course may be taken concurrently with one of the prerequisite courses. Such a request will only be approved in the last term of a student's matriculation, and students taking a prerequisite concurrently are subject to the same expectations as those who have completed all prerequisites. Students will work in teams to enhance their team building and communication skills, along with working on a real-life organizational project focus on Network Security Engineering.</p> | Dr. Yair Levy |