NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

COURSE FREQUENCY INFORMATION

Program Requirements without a Declared Concentration

Students who DO NOT declare concentration are required to complete the following coursework:

Core Courses: **21 credits (seven courses)**
Electives Courses: 15 credits (five courses)
Total Requirements: 36 credits

Program Requirements with Declared Concentration

Students who choose to declare Cyber Security concentration must complete the following coursework:

Core courses: 21 credits (seven courses)
Electives: 6 credits (two courses)
Cyber Security Concentration courses: 9 credits (three courses)
Total Requirements: 36 credits

CORE COURSES REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT	COURSE NAME	CREDIT	TERM	COURSE FREQUENCY
NSAM 5001	**Current Issues in National Security**	3	Winter	Every Year

This course is an introductory seminar dealing with current and historical issues in American national security affairs. in the age of globalization and international terrorism it is imperative that we understand the history, topics, and concepts of national security affairs. The pursuit of security involves a wide range of both domestic and international activities that fall under the umbrellas of political, economic, and military relations and procedures. This course examines the history of American security, the workings of the American national security institutions and organizations, cooperative security systems like NATO and the United Nations, international institutions, political violence, terrorism, war, and both domestic and international law on security. On all these topics, this course will emphasize both theoretical and practical issues that will further the student's knowledge of American national security affairs.

SUBJECT	COURSE NAME	CREDIT	TERM	COURSE FREQUENCY
NSAM 5003	**National Intelligence Collection**	3	Summer	Every Year

This course examines the work of current and future managers in the federal intelligence and homeland security arenas. Students will be introduced to the various ways in which the social and behavioral sciences inform approaches to intelligence collection and analysis and how these scientific approaches can facilitate the goals of countering terrorism and hostile intelligence service actions. Specifically, the emerging field of-Futuristics will be explored in this context so that managers can forecast, manage, and create preferable future outcomes for their agencies and the nation.

SUBJECT	COURSE NAME	CREDIT	TERM	COURSE FREQUENCY
NSAM 5004	**Border Protection and Military Issues**	3	Summer	Every Year

This course is an in-depth analysis of the importance and the difficulties in security measures and tactics used to protect a sovereign nation's borders. Border protection is an essential part of National Security. The threats to domestic populations include drug-smuggling, terrorism, human and arms trafficking, and illegal immigration. Theoretical and applied case studies will facilitate student engagement. The course will serve as an introduction to the theories and applied practices of successful border protection

NSAM 5005	Research and Evaluation in National Security Affairs	3	Fall & Summer	Every Year

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; from here the student will be introduced to the foundations of these approaches and learn what strategies, methods, and techniques are in use. 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.

NSAM 5010	U.S. Foreign Policy and National Security	3	Fall	Every Year

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

NSAM 5014	Ethical Issues in National Security	3	Fall	Every Year

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.

NSAM 5015	International Relations: Theory and Practice	3	Winter	Every Year

This course is a survey of the dominant theories of international relations including (but not limited to) realism, liberalism, their neo-variants, as well as critical theories. The course will examine the "great debates" within international relations and apply these theories to historical case studies and current issues in U.S. national security.

Total Credits :21

ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIREMENTS:

(1) Choose any five (5) courses from the list below if you are NOT declaring the Cyber Security Concentration
(2) Choose any two (2) courses from the list below for Cyber Security Concentration

SUBJECT	COURSE NAME	CREDIT	TERM	COURSE FREQUENCY
NSAM 5002	Terrorists and Terrorism: Theory and Practice	3	Summer	Even Year
This course analyzes terrorism from a number of perspectives including law enforcement (FBI), defense (DOD), and diplomatic (DOS) orientations in order to understand mitigation/prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery measures with regards to counterterrorism and antiterrorism. Individual (lone wolf) and group (Islamist) terrorist mindsets will be examined, as well as international and domestic domains.				
NSAM 5016	Civil Liberties and National Security	3	Winter	Odd Year
This course focuses on understanding the interconnection between Civil Liberties and National Security. Both elements are important – the first being the mechanism by which the Republic as an entity protects itself and the second by which many of the principles of the Republic are protected. How these two elements are balanced and shaped by the needs of the day will be examined by focusing on the historical development of this interaction, as well as the modern intersection by looking at readings in history, law, and politics.				

NSAM 5020	International Law and Institutions	3	Fall	Odd Year

This course introduces students to the sources of international law, treaty and custom, and explains how the International Court of Justice at The Hague as well as American courts work with international rules in deciding cases. It considers the operation of the United Nations in creating international norms and in handling international disputes. This course covers bases of international criminal jurisdiction as well, state recognition, sovereign immunity as well as state responsibility. After considering the critical and fundamental concepts in the field, the course will explore a few interesting transnational problems relating to security issues, namely controlling piracy, preventing human smuggling, and stopping terrorism.

NSAM 5030	American Government and Domestic Security	3	Winter	Even Year

This course is examination of the domestic national security state. It will explore the ways that concerns over domestic security have shaped the actions of American government and conversely, the ways that the structures of American Government have shaped our responses to domestic security concerns.

NSAM 5040	Cyber Conflicts and Statecraft	3	Winter	Every/Odd

This seminar introduces the concept of international conflict in cyber space and the related statecraft involved in addressing American national security affairs while sustaining international relationships. This course examines the history of American cybersecurity, vulnerabilities to past attacks, and attempts to interdict and mitigate damage inflicted by future attacks on the national cyber system. Additionally, through examination of multiple international cyber conflicts a view of this component of the changing nature of modern warfare helps to illuminate the varied issues facing federal, state, and critical infrastructure operators across the country. On all these topics, this course emphasizes both theoretical and practical issues that will further the student's knowledge of America's cyber vulnerability and the potential employment of cyber weapons in future conflicts.

DEM 5090	Weapons of Mass Threat and Communicable Diseases	3	Fall	Every Year

NSAM 5502	Directed Readings in National Security Affairs	3	Fall & Winter	Even Year

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 of individual research interest in this area may be pursued. Under the instructor's guidance, the directed readings, the final project, and any other assignments will be set forth. The course will provide an opportunity for the enhancement of subject matter knowledge and expertise.

NSAM 5650	Economic Statecraft in National Security Affairs	3	Fall	Even Year

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.

NSAM 6130	Practicum/Internship	3	Fall & Summer	Even Year

This course is a field research project that incorporates classroom knowledge and real-world settings. Students will demonstrate their ability to apply theory to practice and analyze situations utilizing knowledge from previous course work.

NSAM 6690	*Special Topics in National Security Affairs and International Relations	3	Summer	Every Year

Special Topics in National Security Affairs and International Relations is reserved for advanced studies in the field. Specific focus and topics are to be approved by the chair of the Department of Humanities and Politics and advertised to students in advance of each offering. If the content changes, this course may be repeated with the prior permission of the department chair.

NSAM 6700	Directed Thesis in National Security Affairs and International Relations	3	Fall, Winter & Summer	Every Year

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 student's 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.

Total Credits without concentration:15
Total Credit with Cybersecurity concentration: 6

CYBERSECURITY OPTION

Choose three (3) courses from the list.

Before choosing this option, students must secure permission from the Department of Humanities and Politics. After a consultation, it will be determined whether the student can enter the Cybersecurity concentration if additional foundation courses are required to enter and successfully complete the concentration.

SUBJECT	COURSE NAME	PREREQUISITES	CREDIT	TERM	COURSE FREQUENCY
ISEC 0615	Fundamentals of Cybersecurity		3	Fall, Winter & Summer	Every Year
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.					
ISEC 0635	Info Sec Operations Management	ISEC 615	3	Winter & Summer	Every Year
Provides an understanding to implement effectively the information security vision and strategy set forth by the executive management. The emphasis will be on the management of an information security program. Focus is on the implementation of information security policy, information security planning, development of information security processes, and establishment of information security measures. Concepts and techniques from the management and organizational behavior disciplines will be integrated in order to identify and propose solutions to the problems of information security administration.					
ISEC 0640	Database Security	MIT 0630 & CISC 0660	3	Summer	Every Year
This course will focus on issues related to the design and implementation of secure data stores. Emphasis will be placed on multilevel security in database systems, covert channels, and security measures for relational and object-oriented database systems.					
ISEC 0675	Information System Auditing	ISEC 615 & 635	3	Fall & Summer	Every Year
This course will evaluate fundamental concepts related to an information systems audit. Principles and practices related to secure operation of existing information technology. Information security accountability, development of internal control objectives and framework, and identification of appropriate information systems audit procedures covering security, compliance, risk mitigation, and business continuity.					

ISEC 0695	Information Security Mgmt. Project	ISEC 615, 635, 655 & 675	3	Fall, Winter & Summer	Every Year
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 Information Security Policy Development and Compliance. 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 Information Security Policy Development and Compliance					

Total Credits: 9

In addition to successfully completing all required coursework, students must fulfill one of the following culminating requirements:

1. TABLETOP COMPREHENSIVE EXAM OPTION

Students must pass a comprehensive examination administered by the National Security Affairs and International Relations Program via Canvas over two consecutive weekends. A minimum score of 70% is required to pass. Students are permitted to make up to three attempts to successfully pass the exam.

2. DIRECTED THESIS OPTION

Students selecting the directed thesis option must complete a total of 6 credits over two academic terms. The thesis is conducted under the guidance of a faculty member who serves as the thesis chair, providing oversight and mentorship throughout the research writing process. Students must formally defend their thesis and achieve a passing grade. A student is permitted up to two opportunities to successfully pass the thesis defense.