

National Security Studies, B.A.

The BA/BS in National Security Studies (NSS) will provide an interdisciplinary program that prepares students for public and private sector national security careers through acquisition of subject matter expertise and analytical skills. This baccalaureate degree program will expose students to the wide variety of critically important security challenges and issues faced in the twenty-first century such as: terrorism and cyber security, nuclear proliferation and weapons of mass destruction, piracy and global pandemics, sovereignty and the use of force, and civil liberties and the rule of law. Students will also acquire skills such as critical thinking, writing, briefing, and analysis techniques specifically tailored for the national security field, but applicable in many others. Whether students are interested in counterterrorism, homeland security, intelligence gathering and analysis, foreign relations, law and politics, diplomacy, or international development, the NSS BA/BS will provide insight and skills needed to succeed in these professions.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours		120
General Education Requirements		36 Credits
ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005	Introduction to Academic Writing CC Literacies and Composition Across Contexts CC	3
ENGL 2010	Intermediate Academic Writing CC	3
Complete one of the following:		3
MAT 1030	Quantitative Reasoning QL (3) (recommended)	
MAT 1035	Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra QL (6)	
STAT 1040	Introduction to Statistics QL (3)	
STAT 1045	Introduction to Statistics with Algebra QL (5)	
MATH 1050	College Algebra QL (4) (recommended for business, Education, Science, and Health Professions majors)	
MATH 1055	College Algebra with Preliminaries QL (5)	
MATH 1090	College Algebra for Business QL (3)	
Complete one of the following:		3
HIST 1700	American Civilization AS (3)	
HIST 2700 & HIST 2710	US History to 1877 AS and US History since 1877 AS (6)	
Complete the following:		
PHIL 2050	Ethics and Values IH	3
HLTH 1100 or EXSC 1097	Personal Health and Wellness TE Fitness for Life TE	2
Distribution Courses:		
Biology		3
Physical Science		3
Additional Biology or Physical Science		3
Humanities (any foreign language 202G/2020 course)		4
Fine Arts		3
Social/Behavioral Science		3
Discipline Core Requirements:		42 Credits
POLS 1100	American National Government AS	3
NSS 2010	Introduction to National Security WE	3
POLS 2100	Introduction to International Relations SS	3
NSS 3050	US Intelligence Community	3
NSS 301R	National Security Area Studies	3
NSS 4210	Law of War WE	3
NSS 4250	National Security Career Strategies	3
NSS 4300	Intelligence Cycle and Collections	3
NSS 4400	Statecraft and Strategy	3

NSS 4600	National Security Law	3
NSS 475R	Current Topics in National Security	3
POLS 3680	International Political Economy	3
POLS 4500	International Conflict and Security	3
NSS 4990	National Security Capstone Seminar	3
Elective Requirements:		42
		Credits
Complete 21 credits from the following:		21
NSS 3350	The Cold War--Culture and Politics (undefined)	
NSS 4800	Intelligence Analysis and Tradecraft (3)	
NSS 481R	National Security Internship (1-9)	
NSS 491R	Directed Readings and Special Projects in National Security (1-3)	
CNST 4795	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (3)	
CJ 3340	Terrorism and the Criminal Justice System (3)	
CJ 4160	Constitutional Criminal Rights (3)	
HIST 3440	The History of World War I (3)	
HIST 345G	The History of World War II GI (3)	
HIST 4140	Genocide in the Twentieth Century (3)	
HIST 430G	Violence and Social Conflict in Latin America GI (3)	
ESMG 310G	Introduction to Homeland Security GI (3)	
CYBR 2700	Information Security Fundamentals (3)	
MILS 259R	Current Topics in Military Science (3)	
MILS 4200	The Profession of Arms I (3)	
MILS 4210	The Profession of Arms II (3)	
PJST 3020	The Ethics of War and Peace (3)	
PJST 3100	Introduction to Human Security (3)	
PJST 3400	Conflict Transformation Resolution and Sustainable Peace WE (3)	
POLS 3100	Survey of International Terrorism (3)	
POLS 3150	US Presidency (3)	
POLS 3210	World Diplomacy (3)	
POLS 3400	American Foreign Policy (3)	
POLS 3500	International Relations of the Middle East (3)	
POLS 3600	International Relations of East Asia WE (3)	
POLS 3610	International Organization WE (3)	
POLS 4610	International Law (3)	
Any other course approved by the NSS Director or Academic Advisor		
One Foreign Language		12
All other non-discipline electives		9

Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of a minimum of 120 or more semester credits, 40 credits must be upper-division.
2. Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above.
3. All discipline and core requirements must be passed with a C- or higher.
4. Residency hours: minimum of 30 credit hours through course attendance at UVU, with at least 10 hours earned in the last 45 hours.
5. Completion of GE and specified departmental requirements.
6. Successful completion of at least one Global/Intercultural course.
7. Successful completion of at least two Writing Enriched courses.
8. Completion of 12 credit hours of course work from one language, to include the 1010, 1020, 2010, and 202G/2020 levels or transferred equivalent.

Graduation Plan

This graduation plan is a sample plan and is intended to be a guide. Your specific plan may differ based on your Math and English placement and/or transfer credits applied. You are encouraged to meet with an advisor and set up an individualized graduation plan in Wolverine Track (<http://www.uvu.edu/wolverinetrack/>).

First Year

Semester 1		Credit Hours
ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005	Introduction to Academic Writing CC or Literacies and Composition Across Contexts CC	3
HIST 1700	American Civilization AS	3
Biology Requirement		3
HLTH 1100 or EXSC 1097	Personal Health and Wellness TE or Fitness for Life TE	2
LANG 1010	Beginning Language I LH	4

Credit Hours **15**

Semester 2

ENGL 2010	Intermediate Academic Writing CC	3
Complete one of the following:		3
MAT 1030	Quantitative Reasoning QL	
MAT 1035	Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra QL	
STAT 1040	Introduction to Statistics QL	
STAT 1045	Introduction to Statistics with Algebra QL	
MATH 1050	College Algebra QL	
MATH 1055	College Algebra with Preliminaries QL	

Social/ Behavioral Science Requirement		3
POLS 1100	American National Government AS	3
LANG 1020	Beginning Language II LH	4

Credit Hours **16**

Second Year

Semester 3

Physical Science Requirement		3
PHIL 2050	Ethics and Values IH	3
Fine Arts Requirement		3
LANG 2010	Intermediate Language I LH	4
NSS 2010	Introduction to National Security WE	3

Credit Hours **16**

Semester 4

Biology or Physical Science Requirement		3
LANG 202G	Intermediate Language II HH	4
POLS 2100	Introduction to International Relations SS	3
NSS Elective		3
General Elective		3

Credit Hours **16**

Third Year

Semester 5

NSS 3050	US Intelligence Community	3
NSS 301R	National Security Area Studies	3
NSS 4210	Law of War WE	3
NSS Elective		3
General Elective		3

Credit Hours **15**

Semester 6

NSS 4250	National Security Career Strategies	3
NSS 4300	Intelligence Cycle and Collections	3
NSS 4400	Statecraft and Strategy	3
POLS 3680	International Political Economy	3
General Elective		3

Credit Hours **15**

Fourth Year

Semester 7

POLS 4500	International Conflict and Security	3
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NSS 4600	National Security Law	3
NSS 475R	Current Topics in National Security	3
NSS Elective		3
General Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester 8		
NSS 4990	National Security Capstone Seminar	3
NSS Elective		3
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Credit Hours		12
Total Credit Hours		120

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Acquire general knowledge about the U.S. national security system and process, including familiarity with the National Security Council, executive departments and agencies, presidential powers, congressional roles and powers, applicable international and domestic law, and current geographical and functional issues in the national security field.
2. Gain skills through class simulations and instruction in analytical thinking and reasoning, professional writing, and public speaking and presenting.
3. Apply both theoretical and practical approaches to complex national security problems, employing appropriate context to a decision-making framework.