

NATIONAL SECURITY (NSEC)

NSEC 501 National Security Structure and Responsibilities 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course provides an in-depth look at the National Security Council and subordinate organizations like DoD, DHS, DOJ, DNI, and other related departments. Topics include areas of national security and military actions, the use and development of intelligence programs, homeland security basics, and the requirements of these agencies based on the 2001 Patriot Act and the 2004 Intelligence Reorganization and Terror Prevention Act. The course considers the elements of national power and their application to national security.

Offered: Online

NSEC 502 Ethics in National Security 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: NSEC 501

This course examines ethics, character and worldview challenges in national security for individuals and organizations. Students will also analyze conflict, interventions, intelligence operations, and homeland security considering ethics, religious and moral doctrines (including from Christian scripture and teachings), relevant to national defense, intelligence operations, and homeland security.

Offered: Online

NSEC 503 National Security, National Defense, & Foreign Policy 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: NSEC 501

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the U.S. military and homeland defense structures, relationships and challenges. The course reviews the missions and strategies of the organizations, how each area of security works together with the other aspects of government, and the integration of intelligence capabilities across the spectrum of government actions.

Offered: Online

NSEC 504 Historic Lessons of National Security in War & Peace 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: NSEC 501

This course examines historic successes and failures in the application of national security, and discusses deterrence postures in WMD, the onset of cyber threats and operations, and future threats based on historic successes and failures. The course considers intelligence successes and failures in a historic context.

Offered: Online

NSEC 505 Cyberspace Policy/Operations & Political Challenges 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: NSEC 501

This course looks at the current lack of cyber policy, and government operations in cyberspace and how politics creates challenges. Students develop the requirements for a national cyber strategy and review the strategies of the major players in cyber defense, primarily DoD, DHS, FBI, and critical infrastructure organizations. The course considers the issues of cyber sovereignty, international threats and opportunities, and future challenges.

Offered: Online

NSEC 506 Sovereignty & National Security Challenges 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: NSEC 501

This course discusses the issues related to national security and the concept of national sovereignty. Answers the questions on the security implications of national sovereignty, especially in the global market place and the ubiquitous application of internet and cyber capabilities. Discusses potential threats to US sovereignty, and the US responsibility in areas of sovereignty with other nations, both allied and non-allied.

Offered: Online

NSEC 507 Terrorism & National Security 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: NSEC 501

This course discusses the political challenges to developing national security capabilities against the threat of terrorism. Examines what military and intelligence organizational changes are needed to combat the continual threat of terrorism to US citizens, and the roles of the FBI, DHS, and DoD in protecting citizens. Considers the challenges of protecting our critical infrastructure from terrorist threats, ranging from the lone wolf to large scale terrorist operations.

Offered: Online

NSEC 688 Thesis Proposal 3 Credit Hour(s)

Students will collaborate with a faculty advisor to develop their thesis proposal. It is expected that the proposal for the thesis project will be relevant to the student's studies in their master's degree program and will direct their research to make an academic contribution to the body of knowledge in national security. At the completion of this course, the student will be ready to begin data collection and research.

Registration Restrictions: Completion of 30 hours of coursework toward the degree program with a GPA of 3.0. No more than two grades of C may be applied to the program.

Offered: Online

NSEC 689 Thesis Research 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: NSEC 688

This course is designed to help students complete their master's thesis in national security. It is expected that research for the thesis project will be relevant to the student's studies in the master's degree program and will make an academic contribution to the body of knowledge in national security.

Offered: Online

NSEC 690 Thesis Defense 3 Credit Hour(s)

Online Prerequisite: NSEC 689

Intended to demonstrate a student's ability to carry out original research. Thesis may be designed to answer practical research questions, or address theoretical or ethical issues of interest to scholars and professionals in the field of national security. Credit is not awarded until the thesis has been accepted.

Offered: Online