

UC 10790 10S

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Degree Programs Committee: Programs

SUBJECT: UC 10763 10S: National Security Studies Minor

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The Committee met on Wednesday, February 10 to discuss a proposal to create a National Security Studies Minor. Participating in the consideration of this proposal were committee members: Betty Barr, Miranda Bennett, Roger Blakeney, Debbie Hermann, Iain Morrison and Richard Scamell. Greg Weiher attended the meeting as a guest.

The objective of the National Security Studies minor is to (a) prepare students with diverse majors for careers in homeland security, intelligence collection and analysis, foreign relations, and related areas or (b) provide them for the type of background that will allow them to enter graduate programs that will further prepare them for careers in these areas. Such careers might include that of a diplomat, a cryptologist, an areas studies specialist, a linguist, an intelligence analyst, an energy economist, or a policy analyst. Students in the program will be encouraged to apply for internships with the State Department, the Department of Defense, the National Security Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency, and other federal agencies in order to strengthen their understanding of various aspects of national security in a non-academic setting.

The National Security Studies minor requires the completion of a minimum of eighteen hours of approved courses with a grade point average of 2.50 or better in these courses. The program includes the following categories of courses.

The Contemporary Security Environment*

POLS 3335: Political Terrorism
HIST 3394: War, Globalization, and Terrorism
POLS 4394: Ideologies and Political Movements
POLS 4395: Energy Politics
POLS 4396: Political Islam

* Students may include one or two of these courses in their program.

National Security Policy and Institutions**

HIST 3312: U.S. Diplomatic History to 1898
HIST 3313: U.S. Diplomatic History Since 1898
HIST 3321: U.S. Foreign Policy Since 1900
HIST 3322: The Viet Nam War
HIST 3323: U.S. Military History to 1898
HIST 3324: U.S. Military History Since 1898
HIST 3375: The CIA and the Third World

** Students may include one or two of these courses in their program.

Applications, Skills and Other Electives

ITEC 2337: Fundamentals of Information Security
AS 300: Leadership
POLS 3382: Strategy of Politics (Game Theory and Decision Analysis)
ITEC 4355: Enterprise Assessment and Evaluation (with permission of Computer Information Systems Program Director)

Additional courses in the Contemporary Security Environment and National Security Policy and Institutions categories may be taken as electives.

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Capstone Course

AFSC 4302: National Security Affairs

All students are required to take the AFSC 4302: National Security Affairs capstone course. This course integrates student experiences in other courses within the minor into a Crisis Management Exercise which requires students to play the roles of civilian officials and military officers tasked with addressing a crisis situation in an interagency environment.

Other universities offering a National Security Studies minor include: Virginia Commonwealth University, the University of Mississippi, the University of Maryland, Rutgers University – Camden, Austin Peay University, East Carolina University, and the University of North Texas. In addition, masters programs in National Security Studies are offered at Washington State University, Kansas State University, George Washington University, University of Connecticut, MIT, Johns Hopkins, and Georgetown University.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends approval of the National Security Studies minor.