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Catalog changes for NSS minor


1. In September, the Department of Political Science submitted a CBM003 to add a course to the University catalog: POLS 4345, Capstone for National Security Studies. The course was approved by the CLASS committee. If it is approved by the University, we request that the following changes to the catalog entry for the NSS minor:

a. Under 'Requirements', second bullet, delete the words "or AFCS 4302" and change the course number following the Capstone course from "POLS 4396" to "POLS 4345".

b. Under the listing of 'Courses', 'Capstone Courses' subcategory, delete "AFSC 4302 National Security Affairs (Spring)" and change "POLS 4396 Capstone for National Security Studies (Spring)" to "POLS 4345 Capstone for National Security Studies"

2. Attached are a copy of the current catalog entry with corrections and a copy of the requested catalog entry.

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NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES MINOR

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- Students must take at least one course from those included under “National Security Policies and Institutions”.
- Students must take a total of at least three courses (9 hours) from the “Contemporary Security Environment” and the “National Security Policies and Institutions” lists.
- Students must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or better in their minor courses.
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COURSES

Capstone Courses (Pick 1)

AFSC 4301 National Security Affairs (Fall)
POLS 4345 Capstone for National Security Studies

The Contemporary Security Environment (Pick 1 or 2)

POLS 2342 Introduction to National Security Studies
POLS 3335 Political Terrorism
POLS 4343 Causes and Politics of War
POLS 4348 Contemporary Islamic Political Thought
POLS 4349 International Energy Politics
POLS 4394 Ideologies and Political Movements
HIST 3394 War, Globalization, and Terrorism

National Security Policy and Institutions (Pick 1 or 2)

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POLS 3331 American Foreign Policy
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POLS 3345 National Security Law
POLS 4365 National Defense Policy
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HIST 3322 The Vietnam War
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HIST 3375 The CIA in the Third World

Applications and Skills (Elective)

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POLS 4340 Intelligence Analysis
POLS 4341 Risk Analysis and Assessment
ITEC 2337 Fundamentals of Information Security
ITEC 4355 Enterprise Assessment and Evaluation (with permission of instruction)
AFSC 3301 Leadership
AFSC 3302 Leadership

Electives

Additional courses in the categories appearing above may be taken as electives.

Students interested in the National Security Studies Minor should contact:

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