

NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

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1. Analyze the institutions, actors, and processes that shape U.S. national security policy, including the roles of the executive branch, Congress, the military, and intelligence agencies.
2. Demonstrate a nuanced understanding of civil-military relations, including the constitutional foundations, tensions, and collaborative dynamics between military institutions and civilian political leaders.
3. Evaluate contemporary and emerging security threats, such as terrorism, cyber warfare, great power competition, and asymmetric conflict, through the lens of political decision-making and strategic planning.
4. Apply theories and practices of conflict resolution and diplomacy to historical and contemporary case studies in international security, peacebuilding, and crisis negotiation.
5. Critically assess the ethical and philosophical dimensions of leadership, military engagement, and national defense, including debates over just war theory, humanitarian intervention, and the use of force.
6. Integrate interdisciplinary knowledge from political science, international relations, military studies, and related fields to formulate policy-relevant insights and communicate them effectively in both written and oral formats.