

NSP - National Security Policy

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Lower-Division Courses

Upper-Division Courses

Graduate Courses

NSP 680P. Topics in Policy Research Project on National Security Issues.

Conduct two semesters of interdisciplinary research on a contemporary national security policy problem involving interaction with sponsoring organizations. The equivalent of three lecture hours a week for two semesters. May be repeated for credit when the topics vary. Offered on the letter-grade basis only. Prerequisite: For 680PA, graduate standing and consent of instructor; for 680PB, NSP 680PA

NSP 383M. National Security Institutions, Processes, and Politics.

Explore instruments of statecraft available to policymakers to advance and protect United States national security interests at home and abroad; departments, agencies, private sector elements, and branches of government with the authorities and equities to implement national security; and the politics, structures and processes of policy formulation. Three lecture hours a week for one semester. Offered on the letter-grade basis only. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

NSP 386W. Writing for National Security.

Develop the written and oral communication skills necessary for national security professionals. Explore the various genres of writing and presenting common in national security careers. Three lecture hours a week for one semester. Offered on the letter-grade basis only. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

NSP 387M. Foundations of International Security: Theory and Practice.

Explore core foundational concepts and theoretical frameworks for explaining how state and non-state actors operate in the international arena. Learn how to identify, assess, and manage international security challenges. Three lecture hours a week for one semester. Offered on the letter-grade basis only. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

NSP 389. Conference Course in National Security.

Individual instruction related to selected aspects of professional theory and practice in national security. Equivalent of three lecture hours a week for one semester. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Graduate standing and consent of instructor and graduate adviser.

NSP 393M. Economics for Foreign Policy.

Develop an understanding of economic power available to foreign policymakers. Explore the design and implementation of policies focused upon international trade, access to intellectual property, financial sanctions, and direct foreign investment by governments, private actors and multilateral lending organizations. Three lecture hours a week for one semester. Offered on the letter-grade basis only. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

NSP 395M. Grand Strategy and Military Operations.

Learn to assess the integration of political, economic, and military factors to formulate comprehensive strategies that effectively achieve long-term objectives while navigating the intricacies of modern conflict.

Explore the practical integration of national goals into the tactical execution of military campaigns. Examine historical precedents and contemporary case studies to understand the complex dynamics shaping strategic decision-making and operational planning in warfare. Three lecture hours a week for one semester. Offered on the letter-grade basis only. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

NSP 396K. Internship in National Security.

Participate in a supervised internship in an agency of government, a nonprofit organization, or a national security-related unit in the private sector. The equivalent of three lecture hours a week for one semester. May be taken twice for credit. May be repeated for credit. Offered on the credit/no credit basis only. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

NSP 397N. Analytical Methods for National Security.

Develop competency in the core quantitative and qualitative techniques of research design and analysis widely used by professionals in the national security environment. Three lecture hours a week for one semester. Offered on the letter-grade basis only. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

NSP 398R. Master's Report.

Prepare a report to fulfill the requirement for the master's degree under the report option. The equivalent of three lecture hours a week for one semester. Offered on the letter-grade basis only. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Professional Courses