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Dual Degree Option: MA in National Security Studies/MS in Criminal Justice

48 Credit Hours

Upon completion of the 48 credits, two separate diplomas are issued at the same time. The two degrees cannot be awarded separately or sequentially under this arrangement.

Required Courses

- CRIM 5000 Ethics and Decision Making in Criminal Justice (3 hours)
- CRIM 5100 Theories of Crime and Justice (3 hours)
- LEGL 5480 Criminal Actions (3 hours)
- NTSC 5000 Introduction to National Security Studies (3 hours)
- NTSC 5100 Research Methods in National Security Studies (3 hours)
- INTL 5590 International Security (3 hours)
- CRIM 6000 Capstone (3 hours)
or NTSC 6000 Capstone in National Security Studies (3 hours)
or NTSC 6250 Thesis in National Security Studies* (6 hours)
and INTL 6900 University Thesis Requirement* (0 hours)

*Students taking NTSC 6250 Thesis in National Security Studies (6 hours) must also register for INTL 6900 University Thesis Requirement (0 hours). INTL 6900 acknowledges successful completion of all thesis requirements including conforming to university and departmental guidelines, as well as depositing the thesis in the University library. The six credit hours for NTSC 6250 are drawn from the 3 hours reserved for the NTSC 6000 capstone and 3 elective credit hours in the program.

Electives

- 4 courses from the Criminal Justice Track in the MA in national security studies
- 4 courses from the International and Regional Security Track in the MA in national security studies
- 1 additional course drawn from electives in either the MA in national security studies or the MS in criminal justice

Dual Degree Option: MA in National Security Studies/MS in Cybersecurity Operations

54 Credit Hours

This program is only available at select U.S. locations.

Upon completion of the 54 credits, two separate diplomas are issued at the same time. The two degrees cannot be awarded separately or sequentially under this arrangement.

Required Courses

- CSSS 5000 Introduction to Cybersecurity (3 hours)
- CSSS 5110 Cybersecurity Communications (3 hours)
- CSSS 5120 Cybersecurity Infrastructures (3 hours)
- CSSS 5130 Cybersecurity Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence (3 hours)
- CSSS 5140 Cybersecurity Strategic Operations (3 hours)
- CSSS 5160 Encryption Methods and Techniques (3 hours)
- CSSS 5180 Social Engineering (3 hours)
- CSSS 6000 Practical Research in Cybersecurity (3 hours)
- NTSC 5000 Introduction to National Security Studies (3 hours)
- INTL 5590 International Security (3 hours)

- NTSC 5100 Research Methods in National Security Studies (3 hours)
- NTSC 6000 Capstone in National Security Studies (3 hours)
or NTSC 6250 Thesis in National Security Studies* (6 hours)
and INTL 6900 University Thesis Requirement* (0 hours)

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Electives

- 2 elective courses chosen from the MS in cybersecurity operations
- 4 electives chosen from the International and Regional Security Track of the MA in national security studies

Dual Major Option: National Security Studies/International Relations

51 Credit Hours

Upon completion of the 51 credits, a single degree is awarded with two major concentrations. The two programs cannot be awarded separately or sequentially under this arrangement.

Required Courses

- INTL 5000 Introduction to International Relations (3 hours)
- NTSC 5000 Introduction to National Security Studies (3 hours)
- INTL 5100 Research Methods and Perspectives (3 hours)
or NTSC 5100 Research Methods in National Security Studies (3 hours)
- INTL 5590 International Security (3 hours)
- INTL 6000 Capstone in International Relations (3 hours)
or NTSC 6000 Capstone in National Security Studies (3 hours)
or INTL 6250 Thesis* (6 hours) and INTL 6900 University Thesis Requirement* (0 hours)
or NTSC 6250 Thesis in National Security Studies* (6 hours)
and INTL 6900 University Thesis Requirement* (0 hours)

*Students taking INTL 6250 Thesis or NTSC 6250 Thesis in National Security Studies (6 hours) must also register for INTL 6900 University Thesis Requirement (0 hours). INTL 6900 acknowledges successful completion of all thesis requirements including conforming to university and departmental guidelines, as well as depositing the thesis in the University library. The six credit hours for INTL 6250 or NTSC 6250 are drawn from the 3 hours reserved for the NTSC 6000 capstone and 3 elective credit hours in the program.

Electives

- 4 additional courses (12 hours) from the International and Regional Security Track in the MA in national security studies
- 4 courses (12 hours) from electives in other tracks in the MA in national security studies
- 2 courses (6 hours) from the Comparative Politics Cluster of the MA in international relations
- 2 elective courses (6 hours) in the MA in international relations

