

Security Studies

Certificate in Security Studies

Focus in Homeland Security and International Security

The Department of Political Science's program in security studies imparts training in national and international security issues. It provides students with the substantive knowledge and analytic skills necessary to understand security issues. Courses cover homeland and domestic security (Security and Intergovernmental Relations, Emergency Management Policy); international security issues (Politics of Terrorism, National Security Policy, Conflict in International Relations, Politics of International Crises, Nationalism, US Foreign Policy, International Cooperation, International Organization, International Law); security in different regions of the world (Middle East Conflict, Security and Conflict in Asia, Politics in South Asia, International Relations in East Asia); and human rights aspects (Politics of Human Rights, Constitutional Law). Cognate courses are also available from departments outside Political Science.

Application Procedure

Students must submit the *Security Studies Program Application* after they have completed at least six courses including three core courses. Students should submit the *Notification Of Completion* form by the middle of the quarter that they expect to complete the required number of courses. These forms are available in the Department of Political Science, Crosley 1110, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0375; ph: 513-556-3300; website www.polisci.uc.edu

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An undergraduate certificate requires ten courses (30 credit hours) with a 2.67 GPA, as follows:

A. One required course

POL 280/580 Approaches to International Politics

B. At least three courses from among the following CORE courses

POL 271/571 Middle East Conflict - 1 (or POL 272/572, Middle East Conflict - 2)
POL 284/584 National Security Policy
POL 285/585 Politics of Terrorism
POL 286/586 Security and Conflict in Asia
POL 287/587 Politics of Human Rights
POL 326/626 Security and Intergovernmental Relations
POL 334/634 Emergency Management Policy
POL 367/667 Civil War and Political Violence
POL 383/683 Conflict in International Relations
POL 384/684 International Crisis Decision-making
POL 782/784 Proseminar in International Security

C. One Capstone course (recommended)

Students would write a substantial paper on security issues in their Senior Project class (POL 490), or in an Honors Thesis (POL 495, 496), Independent study (POL 410, 460, 480), or other approved course.

D. Additional courses from the following COGNATE courses (please see next page)

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POL 232	Community Disaster Reconstruction	HIST 422	The US and World War 2
POL 264/564	Politics in South Asia	HIST 438	War and American Society
POL 283/583	International Cooperation	HIST 442	Greek and Roman Warfare
POL 288	International Law	HIST 485	Film and History of World War 2
POL 289	International Organization	HIST 520/521	US Civil War
POL 321/621	Constitutional Law: Federal System	HIST 528/529	War in the Modern World
POL 322/622	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights	HIST 543	World War 2 Military History
POL 323/623	Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties	HIST 570	Modern Middle East
POL343/643	Citizenship & Terrorism Modern Society	HIST 728	War and Revolution
POL 368/668	Nationalism and Identity Politics	LAW	International Law
POL 382/682	US Foreign Policy – Developing Countries	LAW	National Security Law
POL 386/686	International Relations in East Asia	JUDC 326	History of Palestine
Internship, Independent study, Senior Project, and Honors Thesis courses may count upon approval		JUDC 327	Modern Israel
		JUDC 330	Jews and Islam
<i>Up to two courses from outside political science from among the following can also count toward the requirements:</i>		JUDC 379	Judaism & Christianity in Conflict
		JUDC 382	Studies in the Holocaust
AFAM 414	Politics in Postcolonial Africa	MS 412	Legal Issues - Military Profession
AFAM 451	Colonization and Nationalism in Africa	SOC 472, 473	War and Society
AFAM 452	Liberation Struggles	18 CJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice
ANTH 320	Balkan Peoples	18 CJ 372	Constitutional Issues- Cr. Justice
BIOL 333	Biotechnology: Social & Ethical Issues	18 CJ 421	Criminal Law
COMM 466	Rhetorical Dimensions of Terrorism		
GEOG 333	Geography and Politics		
GEOG 580	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)		
GEOG 582	GIS Applications		

Within the Certificate, students can focus in Homeland Security or International Security or both.

Focus in Homeland Security

6 courses, including POL 280/580 and 3 core courses, with the following distribution -

- 2 domestic security courses: Security and Intergovernmental Relations (POL 326/626), Emergency Management Policy (POL 334/664)
- 1 course from Politics of Terrorism (POL 285/585) or National Security Policy (POL 284/584)
- 1 course in Constitutional Law such as Civil Liberties (POL 323/623) or POL 321/621 or 322/622

Focus in International Security

6 courses, including POL 280/580 and 3 core courses, with the following distribution -

- 2 courses in regional security, selected from two of the following regions: Middle East (POL 271/571, POL 272/572, HIST 570, JUDC 326, JUDC 327); Asia (POL 286/586, POL 386/686, POL 264/564); Other (AFAM 414, AFAM 451, ANTH 320)
- 2 core international security courses, from Politics of Terrorism (POL 285/585), National Security Policy (POL 284/584), Politics of Human Rights (POL 287/587), Conflict in International Relations (POL 383/683), Politics of International Crisis (POL 384/684), Proseminar in International Security (POL 782)

Additional Options for Graduate Students: Focus in Security Studies

Graduate students may pursue a general focus in security studies by taking 6 courses, including POL 280/580 and 3 core courses.