

GLOBAL SECURITY, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The Global Security Minor will be jointly offered by the College of Information Sciences and Technology and the College of the Liberal Arts and overseen by the Department of Political Science. This joint minor is intended to provide students with a background of the theoretical frameworks and skill sets needed to understand the concepts essential to security and related analyses; the challenges and problems faced when dealing with threats to security (e.g., technology, policies, and regulations); and the strengths and weaknesses of various methods of analyzing and responding to challenges to security. The minor includes a grounding in social, historical, and cultural factors that underlie both conflict between states and conflicts between state and non-state actors, as well as the legal, ethical, and regulatory issues related to security.

What is Global Security?

Global Security minor is designed to help students explore the global, international, national, and human dimensions of security, conflict, and conflict resolution in contemporary international relations using the analytic tools provided in different social science disciplines. This joint minor is intended to provide students with a background of the theoretical frameworks and skill sets needed to understand the concepts essential to security and related analyses; the challenges and problems faced when dealing with threats to security (e.g., technology, policies, and regulations); and the strengths and weaknesses of various methods of analyzing and responding to challenges to security.

You Might Like This Program If...

You like the challenges and problems faced when dealing with threats to security and the strengths and weaknesses of various methods of analyzing and responding to challenges to security. Those threats could include technology, policies and regulations. This minor is jointly offered with the College of Information Sciences and Technology, allowing students to get introduced to Security Risk Analysis courses through IST as well as Liberal Arts.

Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Requirements for the Minor	18-30

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A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/>). In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student's major(s).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
PLSC 7N	Contemporary Political Ideologies	3
SRA 111	Introduction to Security and Risk Analysis	3

SRA 211	Threat of Terrorism and Crime	3
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Additional Courses

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

Select 6 credits of the following: 6

PLSC 410	Strategy and Politics
PLSC 415	
PLSC 418	International Relations Theory
PLSC 437	War in World Politics
PLSC 438	National Security Policies
PLSC 439	The Politics of Terrorism
PLSC 442	American Foreign Policy

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Demonstrate 12th-credit-level proficiency in one world language by coursework or examination 0-12

Select 3 credits of the following: 3

COMM 490	
COMM 491	International Telecommunications
COMM 492	Internet Law and Policy
GEOG 424	
GEOG 463	Geospatial Information Management
GEOG 464	Advanced Spatial Analysis
HIST 420	Recent European History
HIST 434	History of the Soviet Union
HIST 452	History of U.S. Foreign Relations
HIST 467	Latin America and the United States
HIST 473	The Contemporary Middle East
HIST 475Y	The Making and Emergence of Modern India
HIST 479	History of Imperialism and Nationalism in Africa
HIST 486	China in Revolution
Select 3 credits of appropriate internship work in consultation with adviser	

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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Use the Liberal Arts Meet the Academic Advisers web page (<https://la.psu.edu/student-services/academic-advising/meet-the-academic-advisers/>) to see the contact information for the specific adviser(s) of this program

Career Paths

Graduates who can understand the cognitive, social, economic and policy issues involved in global security and risk management as well as the basics of information technology and analytics that are included in the security/risk arena will be successful.

Careers

- Business analyst
- Legal assistant
- Policy and research analyst
- FBI agent
- CIA
- Global human resources
- Higher education
- Intelligence officer
- United Nations officer
- Government and national security jobs

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