

# INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY CERTIFICATE

Department of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences

## Vision Statement

The intelligence and national security certificate is a 15 credit hour program designed to meet the need for an in-depth and critical analysis of US foreign policy and national security by graduate students, active duty military, and civilian professionals working in the fields of public service, national security, defense policy, and intelligence analysis. The program of study seeks to satisfy varying academic, career, and personal post-graduate goals of traditional and non-traditional students that prepare them for their responsibility as active citizens through leadership, participation and employment in intelligence, military, and foreign relations careers. This certificate can be earned completely online. This certificate can be earned independently of the MS in political science or in conjunction with it.

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## Admissions

General Application Requirements and Admission Criteria (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/graduate/admission/>)

## Program-Specific Requirements

### Application Deadlines (Spring 2024, Summer 2024, and Fall 2024)

- Fall: June 15
- Spring: October 15
- Summer: March 15

## Other Requirements

**For students applying to, or who are a current MS-PSCI student in good standing:**

- 3.0 GPA (most recent GPA)
- Students must be accepted into this certificate program within their first 15 credit hours. Students starting this program after 15 credit hours may not be able to count previous completed coursework towards this certificate.

**For students applying for this certificate as a stand-alone program:**

- Baccalaureate degree or previous master's degree with a minimum of 3.0 GPA.
- Nine credit hours in political science-related courses is preferred. The selection committee looks for previous coursework and/or professional

experience in American government, political theory, international relations, comparative politics, and social science (quantitative) methodology. Students without the above background in political science may be admitted on a provisional basis and be required to take prerequisite courses before starting graduate work. Students must earn a grade of B or above in each of these courses.

- **English Language Proficiency:** Applicants are required to have a command of oral and written English. Those who do not hold a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from the U.S., **OR** a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from a pre-determined country on the waiver list (<https://www.unomaha.edu/graduate-studies/prospective-students/Proof%20of%20English%20Proficiency-%20International.pdf>), must meet the minimum language proficiency score requirement in order to be considered for admission.
  - Internet-based TOEFL: 80 (with no sub-score under 15 is required), IELTS: 6.5, PTE: 53, Duolingo: 110
  - Passing with a minimum score does not guarantee admission into the program.
- **Statement of Purpose:** The personal statement (1-2 pages) should explain why the applicant is seeking admission into this program, how his/her academic/professional experiences can contribute to his/her success in this program, and how this program will contribute to his/her future academic/professional ambitions.
- **Professional Resume**
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Two letters of recommendation from a former professor (preferred), supervisor, or individual that can speak to one's academic potential in a graduate program. If applicants have recently graduated from UNO, it is expected that one of the letters will be from a UNO political science faculty member. It is preferred that students use their references' institutional (.edu) or professional email.
- GRE scores are not required for admission, however, candidates are welcome to include them.

## Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Seminars</b>		<b>6</b>
PSCI 8200	SEMINAR IN FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY	
PSCI 8250	SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	
<b>Electives-Select from the following:</b>		<b>9</b>
PSCI 8206	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF EAST ASIA	
PSCI 8216	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST	
PSCI 8220	SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND STRATEGY	
PSCI 8225	DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM SOLVING	
PSCI 8245	THE POLITICS AND PRACTICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS	
PSCI 8246	INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION	
PSCI 8255	GLOBAL SECURITY ISSUES	
PSCI 8256	INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY	
PSCI 8265	UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY	
PSCI 8266	INTERNATIONAL LAW	
PSCI 8286	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA	

PSCI 8366	AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES
PSCI 8376	GENERALS AND POLITICIANS: CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS
PSCI 8505	EUROPEAN POLITICS
PSCI 8506	GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF GREAT BRITAIN
PSCI 8526	POLITICS OF FRANCE
PSCI 8556	POLITICAL VIOLENCE, INSURGENCY, AND TERRORISM
PSCI 8585	GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF RUSSIA AND THE POST-SOVIET STATES
PSCI 8645	GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF CHINA AND EAST ASIA
PSCI 8646	ASIAN POLITICS
PSCI 8665	GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF JAPAN AND EAST ASIA
PSCI 8685	GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF LATIN AMERICA
PSCI 8705	GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

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**Total Credits** **15**

Note: Students who took undergraduate courses at UNO cannot take any dual-listed courses at the graduate level they took as an undergraduate. No more than two courses can end in 8–5. Additional courses may be approved at the discretion of the graduate chair.

Courses may not be offered every term. Some terms courses may only be offered online or on-campus.

## Exit Requirement

Students must earn a 3.0 GPA to graduate with no more than one course graded as a C+ or below.

## Academic Progress Policy

Students may be dismissed from the program after:

1. Not enrolling and/or successfully completing a course after two consecutive years.
2. Earning two or more W grades.
3. Earning more than one grade of C+ or below, even if GPA is a 3.0 or above.

Under extenuating circumstances, students may apply for a waiver through the GPC. If a waiver is granted, students may be updated to the most recent catalog year.

Students who do not successfully complete a course during their admit term, or allowed deferment time, will be dismissed from the program.

Students may reapply to the program if dismissed for inactivity.