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
Application Deadlines (Spring 2021, Summer 2021, and Fall 2021)
- Fall: June 15
- Spring: October 15
- Summer: March 15

Application 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
- 9 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.
- Two letters (2) Letters of recommendation. Letters may be from a former professor (preferred), supervisor, or individual that can speak to one’s academic potential in a graduate program. If students 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.
- Personal statement (1-2 pages) explaining 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
- 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, must meet the minimum language proficiency score requirement in order to be considered for admission. A minimum score of 80, internet-based TOEFL, with no sub-score under 15 is required. The IELTS and PTE English proficiency tests are also accepted. Those scores must translate to the minimum internet-based TOEFL equivalent to be considered for admission. Passing with a minimum score does not guarantee admission into the program.

- GRE scores are not required for admission, however, candidates are welcome to include them.
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions. Please note that although the Office of Graduate Studies forwards applications to departments for review with unofficial transcripts, students cannot enroll until all official transcripts have been received. Due to this, the Department of Political Science has elected to wait for official transcripts before reviewing applications.

Degree Requirements

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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 Requirements:**
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.