

INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY CERTIFICATE

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.

Program Related Information

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Program Website (<http://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-arts-and-sciences/political-science/academics/graduate-programs/>)

Admissions

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

Application Deadlines

- Spring 2026: Review begins October 1
- Summer 2026: Review begins April 15
- Fall 2026: Review begins February 15

Note: Applications will be received and reviewed until the term begins.

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 noted background 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/office-of-graduate-studies/admissions/entrance-exams.php>), 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 should be 1-2 pages and address why you are seeking admission to this program, how your academic/professional experiences will contribute to your success in the program, and how the program will contribute to your future academic/professional ambitions.
- **Professional Resume**
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Two letters of recommendation from a former professor (preferred), supervisor, or other professional contact who 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.
- Any certificate must be added at least one semester prior to graduation.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Required Seminars		6
PSCI 8200	SEMINAR IN FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY	
PSCI 8250	SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL 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	
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. Students cannot have more than two courses ending in 8–5 counted toward their program. Other 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.