



**WRIGHT STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**National Security Studies Certificate
Semester Checksheet**

Student: _____

UID: _____

Advisor: _____

Major: _____

National Security Studies Certificate

The National Security Studies certificate is intended for students who are interested in careers as analysts or policymakers promoting national and global security. Students learn about U.S. national and international security systems, as well as the range of existing, potential, and emerging security threats, both domestic and foreign. With coursework that emphasizes problem solving, communication and cross-cultural understanding, students learn how to critically analyze these threats and craft appropriate policy responses to them.

Students interested in the certificate should contact the faculty advisor, Dr. Vaughn Shannon (vaughn.shannon@wright.edu), 359 Allyn.

Admissions Requirements

Any degree-seeking WSU student may apply to the program by meeting with the certificate advisor. If not a current degree-seeking student, applicants may apply as non-degree and meet with the certificate advisor to be admitted into the certificate program only.

Learning Outcomes

- Understand the fundamentals and evolving structures and processes of U.S. and international national security systems;
- Understand the range of threats to national and international security;
- Be able to analyze threats and design appropriate response to them.

Program Completion Requirements

- _ Minimum overall 2.75 GPA in certificate courses

Required Courses6 hours

PLS 2120 American National Government	3
PLS 4870 Politics of Intelligence Gathering	3

Electives9 hours

Choose any three of the following courses, with at least one course from each category*

National and Global Security Threats

PLS 4320 International Politics of Cyber Security	3
PLS 4520 International Human Rights	3
PLS 4630 International Conflict	3
PLS 4650 Politics of Nationalism	3
PLS 4720 Terrorism and Counterterrorism	3
PLS 4750 Weapons of Mass Destruction	3

Area Studies

PLS 4510 Contemporary African Politics	3
PLS 4530 Soviet Successor States	3
PLS 4540 Politics of the Middle East	3
PLS 4560 Politics of Europe	3
PLS 4570 Politics of Developing Nations	3
PLS 4580 Latin American Politics	3
PLS 4620 US-India-Pakistan-Afghanistan Relations	3
PLS 4660 Political Institutions and Issues – South Asia	3
PLS 4670 Chinese Domestic Politics	3
PLS 4850 Chinese Foreign Policy	3

Total 15 credit hours

*Other courses may count toward the certificate if approved by the program director