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Dual Degree Option: MA in National Security Studies/MS in Criminal Justice

48 Credit Hours

Upon completion of the 48 credits, two separate diplomas are issued at the same time. The two degrees cannot be awarded separately or sequentially under this arrangement.

Required Courses

- CRIM 5000 Ethics and Decision Making in Criminal Justice (3 hours)
- CRIM 5100 Theories of Crime and Justice (3 hours)
- LEGL 5480 Criminal Actions (3 hours)
- NTSC 5000 Introduction to National Security Studies (3 hours)
- NTSC 5100 Research Methods in National Security Studies (3 hours)
- INTL 5590 International Security (3 hours)
- CRIM 6000 Capstone (3 hours)
or NTSC 6000 Capstone in National Security Studies (3 hours)
or NTSC 6250 Thesis in National Security Studies* (6 hours)
and INTL 6900 University Thesis Requirement* (0 hours)

*Students taking NTSC 6250 Thesis in National Security Studies (6 hours) must also register for INTL 6900 University Thesis Requirement (0 hours). INTL 6900 acknowledges successful completion of all thesis requirements including conforming to university and departmental guidelines, as well as depositing the thesis in the University library. The six credit hours for NTSC 6250 are drawn from the 3 hours reserved for the NTSC 6000 capstone and 3 elective credit hours in the program.

Electives

- 4 courses from the Criminal Justice Track in the MA in national security studies
- 4 courses from the International and Regional Security Track in the MA in national security studies
- 1 additional course drawn from electives in either the MA in national security studies or the MS in criminal justice

Dual Degree Option: MA in National Security Studies/MS in Cybersecurity Operations

54 Credit Hours

This program is only available at select U.S. locations.

Upon completion of the 54 credits, two separate diplomas are issued at the same time. The two degrees cannot be awarded separately or sequentially under this arrangement.

Required Courses

- CSSS 5000 Introduction to Cybersecurity (3 hours)
- CSSS 5110 Cybersecurity Communications (3 hours)
- CSSS 5120 Cybersecurity Infrastructures (3 hours)
- CSSS 5130 Cybersecurity Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence (3 hours)
- CSSS 5140 Cybersecurity Strategic Operations (3 hours)
- CSSS 5160 Encryption Methods and Techniques (3 hours)
- CSSS 5180 Social Engineering (3 hours)
- CSSS 6000 Practical Research in Cybersecurity (3 hours)
- NTSC 5000 Introduction to National Security Studies (3 hours)
- INTL 5590 International Security (3 hours)

- NTSC 5100 Research Methods in National Security Studies (3 hours)
- NTSC 6000 Capstone in National Security Studies (3 hours)
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Electives

- 2 elective courses chosen from the MS in cybersecurity operations
- 4 electives chosen from the International and Regional Security Track of the MA in national security studies

Dual Major Option: National Security Studies/International Relations

51 Credit Hours

Upon completion of the 51 credits, a single degree is awarded with two major concentrations. The two programs cannot be awarded separately or sequentially under this arrangement.

Required Courses

- INTL 5000 Introduction to International Relations (3 hours)

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Sequential Degree in National Security Studies

Students can complete a sequential degree in national security studies by completing 27 credit hours, including:

- NTSC 5000 Introduction to National Security Studies (3 hours)
- NTSC 5100 Research Methods in National Security Studies (3 hours)
- INTL 5590 International Security (3 hours)
- NTSC 6000 Capstone in National Security Studies (3 hours)
or NTSC 6250 Thesis in National Security Studies* (6 hours)
and INTL 6900 University Thesis Requirement* (0 hours)
- 4 courses (12 hours) in one of the available tracks in the MA in national security studies
- 1 elective (3 hours) from any course in the MA in national security studies

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Admission

See the Admission section of this catalog for general admission requirements. Students interested in applying must submit their application online at www.webster.edu/ apply. Transcripts should be sent from your institution electronically to transcripts@webster.edu. If this service is not available, send transcripts to:

Office of Admission
Webster University
470 E. Lockwood Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63119

Advancement to Candidacy

Students are admitted to their graduate program upon completion of all admission requirements. Students are advanced to candidacy status after successfully completing 12 credit hours with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. In specialized programs, courses required as prerequisites to the program do not count toward the 12 credit hours required for advancement.