# NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

The undergraduate certificate in National Security Studies gives students a structured way to explore how national security decisions are made, who makes them, and what consequences they carry.

Through carefully chosen courses across political science and related fields, students build a foundation in areas like international conflict, diplomacy, military institutions, and decision-making. The goal is not just to learn how the system works, but to understand the tradeoffs, tensions, and real-world stakes behind policy choices.

The certificate is flexible and broadly accessible. It is relevant to students interested in foreign policy, law, public services, and global affairs, and aligns naturally with students in ROTC and military leadership programs. The program emphasizes both the "hard" side of security like military strategy and the equally important political and diplomatic processes that shape when and how force is used.

By the end, students walk away with a clearer lens for making sense of global events and a practical toolkit for careers in government, international organizations, research, and policy work. In a world where security issues rarely stay in neat boxes, this certificate helps students connect the dots across institutions, ideas, and real-world challenges.