Security Studies Major

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Westminster College students who earn a major or minor in Security Studies will have the skill set necessary for job placement in the national security bureaucracy of the United States government, for placement in a national security graduate or law program, to work at a think tank or a nongovernmental organization or international nongovernmental organization, or to work for an international organization such as the U.N. or NATO.

Specifically, the student will be able to identify common threats to national, homeland, cybersecurity and/or human security, to understand policy creation and implementation, and to think critically about possible threats and reactions to national security breaches and be well versed in foreign policy objectives of the United States. All Security Studies majors must complete the core Security Courses and one of the three tracks. A GPA of at least 2.00 is required on courses needed for the completion of the major.

Westminster College and Missouri State University have entered into an agreement whereby Westminster students, majoring in either Security Studies or Political Science with a Security Studies track, may take courses through Missouri State's Defense and Strategic Studies Graduate Department. These may include Seated courses, Internet courses, and Web Conference courses. Permission to take these courses must be granted by Westminster College before students may enroll. The College will annually determine with Missouri State costs for these courses.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY SHEET **ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026**

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Student's Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Advisor Date Major Declared

Course Code	Course Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
Required Core Courses (33 hours)				
PHL 410	Ethical Warfare	3		
POL 211	American Government and Politics	3		
POL 212	Introduction to International Relations	3		
or HES/GTS 240	Intro to Global Public Health	3		
POL 332	National Security Law	3		
POL/SEC 335	Politics and Security of Developing Nations	3		
POL/SEC 337	Human Rights and Security	3		
POL 362	American Foreign Policy	3		
SEC 201	Introduction to Security Studies	3		
SEC 205	Introduction to Homeland Security	3		
POL/SEC 328	National Security Agencies	3		
SEC 420	Security Studies Thesis	3		
In addition to completing 33 hours of Core courses, all students must complete one track: The Homeland Security Track, National Security Track or Cybersecurity.				
Homeland Security Track (Choose three courses from the following: 9-10 hours)				
PSY/SEC 374	Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Group Conflict	3		
SEC 300	Law and Homeland Security	3		
CRJ 305	Criminal Law	3		
SEC 312	Terrorism	3		
SEC 325	Issues in Homeland Security	3		
	Internship	1-3		
MSC	ROTC Class (MSC 101 & 101.5; MSC 201 & 201.5 total of 4 credit hours)	4		
	TOTAL HOMELANDE SECURITY TRACK	**42-43**		
National Security Track (Choose three courses from the following: 9-10 hours)				
HIS 300	Vietnam Trip Orientation and Travel Abroad	3		
POL 301	The American Presidency	3		
POL 305	International Law and Organizations	3		
POL/GTS 308	Post-Soviet Politics	3		
POL 333	National Security Law II	3		
GTS/POL 346	Chinese Politics and Influence	3		
SEC 312	Terrorism	3		
POL/SEC 334	Intelligence at Home and Abroad	3		
	TOTAL NATIONAL SECURITY TRACK HOURS	**42-43**		
Cybersecurity Track (Choose three courses from the following: 9-10 hours)				
CBR 110	Introduction to Cybersecurity	3		
CBR 220	Information Security	3		
CBR 360	Cyber Law and Ethics	3		
CBR 415	Information Security Policy	3		
CBR 470	CBR Capstone	1		
CBR 399	Internship	1-3		
MSC	ROTC Class (MSC 101 & 101.5; MSC 201 & 201.5 total of 4 credit hours)	4		
	TOTAL CYBERSECURITY TRACK HOURS	**42-43**		