INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS MINOR

Banner Code: NTLA

Academic Advising
354 Enterprise Hall
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This minor is designed for students who are interested in careers in homeland security or other intelligence-related fields. This minor focuses on developing the skills of intelligence analysis, including research, writing, briefing, and analytical tradecraft. Students explore ethical issues in the field and new developments in the analysis of intelligence information.

The curriculum fosters a broad knowledge of content in several disciplines valued by employers in homeland security and intelligence-related fields. The minor offers students sufficient flexibility to pursue their primary interests while also preparing themselves for careers in intelligence analysis.

Admissions & Policies

Policies
Twelve credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. This minor is multidisciplinary in nature and requires coursework from at least two different academic departments. It must be approved by the director before graduation. A maximum of 6 credits of CRIM 485 Study Abroad can be applied to the minor.

For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

Requirements

Minor Requirements
Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Students should plan their course of study with a criminology, law and society advisor assigned by the program.

Core Courses in the Minor
CRIM 310 Introduction to the Intelligence Community
CRIM 312 Intelligence Analysis Techniques
Total Credits 6

Electives in the Minor
The electives must consist of courses from at least two different departments (two different subject prefixes).

Select four electives from the following:

CONF 345 Social Dynamics of Terrorism, Security, and Justice
CRIM 230 Introduction to Homeland Security
CRIM 304 Computer Crime, Forensics, and Auditing or IT 357 Computer Crime, Forensics, and Auditing
CRIM 350 Counterintelligence
CRIM 400 Applied Criminal Psychology
CRIM 460 Surveillance and Privacy in Contemporary Society
CRIM 462 Law Enforcement and Homeland Security
CRIM 475 Theory and Politics of Terrorism
GGS 301 Political Geography
GGS 311 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
GGS 316 Geography of Latin America
GGS 320 Geography of Europe
GGS 325 Geography of North Africa and the Middle East
GGS 330 Geography of the Soviet Succession States
GGS 412 Air Photography Interpretation
GGS 416 Satellite Image Analysis
GOVT 332 Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa
GOVT 333 Government and Politics of Asia
GOVT 334 Government and Politics of Europe
GOVT 338 Government and Politics of Russia
GOVT 340 Central Asian Politics
GOVT 341 Chinese Foreign Policy
GOVT 344 American Foreign Policy
GOVT 345 Islam and Politics
GOVT 346 American Security Policy
GOVT 347 International Security
GOVT 446 International Law and Organization
HIST 327 The Soviet Union and Russia Since World War II
HIST 329 Modern Russia and the Soviet Union (Mason Core)
HIST 354 Modern China
HIST 358 Post-1949 China (Mason Core)
HIST 359 Modern Iraq
HIST 364 Revolution and Radical Politics in Latin America (Mason Core)
HIST 460 Modern Iran (Mason Core)
HIST 461 Arab-Israeli Conflict
HIST 465 The Middle East in the 20th Century
PHIL 173 Logic and Critical Thinking
SOCI 320 Social Structure and Globalization (Mason Core)
SOCI 326 Conflict, Violence, and Peace
STAT 350 Introductory Statistics II
Special topics courses may be approved if they are relevant to the field of intelligence analysis.

| Total Credits | 12 |

1 Contact minor director for approval of specific sections of special topics courses.

**Internship**

Students who are American citizens may apply for an internship in intelligence analysis at the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Credits earned for the internship are in addition to those required for the minor and are not required for completion of the minor. Students who intend to apply for the internship should begin the application process no later than September of their sophomore year, since the security clearance process can take a year or more. Students in this minor are strongly encouraged to pursue advanced training in Arabic, Chinese, or Russian.