UNM students can add value and quality to their education by complementing a major field of study with a certificate

The undergraduate certificate in National Security and Strategic Analysis (NSSA) is an interdisciplinary certificate designed to prepare students for careers in national security within the U.S. Intelligence Community (IC) and other governmental agencies, national and international business companies, policy think tanks and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) worldwide. The focus is on learning analysis methods used by governmental and NGOs for strategic planning, policy setting, and decision making. This interdisciplinary effort integrates techniques and methodology of information collection and data and policy analysis with diverse knowledge.

To earn the undergraduate certificate, students must complete the requirements outlined below.

- Earn a baccalaureate degree at UNM
- Complete LAIS 340, *Introduction to National Security and Strategic Analysis*, 3 credits
- Complete 9 credits of approved courses in political/social analysis and quantitative analysis. A list of the approved courses is available online at [http://nssp.unm.edu/nssa-certificate-program/nssa-requirements.html](http://nssp.unm.edu/nssa-certificate-program/nssa-requirements.html)
- Complete at least 3 semesters or equivalent of a non-English language, or at least three additional approved courses in quantitative analysis
- Complete a Capstone Project on a topic related to national security, strategic analysis, or intelligence analysis
- UNM allows **shared course work** between certificates and a degree. If the student completes the certificate in conjunction with an undergraduate program, the student may use 100% of the certificate course work toward an undergraduate degree, so long as the courses are approved as part of the degree.
- For students who have already completed an undergraduate degree at UNM, all certificate courses should be taken within the last six years.

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