

The National Security Studies Program at UNM

The mission of the University of New Mexico (UNM) National Security Studies Program is to ensure that interested students develop the knowledge, skills and relationships necessary to successfully compete for Intelligence Community (IC) and related national security careers. The NSSP is specifically tailored to prepare UNM students – from a broad spectrum of disciplines – for work in the 16 federal agencies that makeup the IC. The NSSP is an **Intelligence Community - Center for Academic Excellence (IC-CAE)** Program.



NSSP Scholars at the UN in Vienna

The NSSP is by its nature multi-disciplinary and integrative. It draws upon business, law, the sciences, health sciences, the humanities and other areas of specialization. The program is designed for students at both the pre-baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate level.

Included in the NSSP activities are:

- Interesting seminars and speakers on a wide range of national security related issues.
- Study and travel abroad opportunities focusing on unique cultural immersion experiences.
- Critical thinking and innovative research opportunities.
- Career and personal development opportunities that engage and challenge a student.

The NSSP at UNM emphasizes theoretical and practical preparation in four critical areas: (1) command of research, analysis and critical thinking skills; (2) expertise in science or professional fields, and understanding of the complex interaction between science and policy; (3) knowledge of international, regional and cultural issues of national security importance; and (4) proficiency in foreign languages and context-sensitive studies. The program seeks to coordinate and support other activities on campus with related goals.

The NSSP sponsors a new National Security and Strategic Analysis (NSSA) Certificate for undergraduates and recent graduates and is developing major and minor programs of studies at UNM. Students may become a NSSP Scholar or an IC-CAE Distinguished Scholar by completing a program application, which is on the program website at <http://nssp.unm.edu/scholars-program/application.html>. For more information, call the NSSP office at (505) 277-3223 or come by NSSP Mesa Vista Hall Room 3019. NSSP meetings are open to all interested UNM students.

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A World of Career Choices



- Aeronautical Analyst
Counterintelligence Analyst
Chemist Linguist Mathematician
Computer Systems Analyst
Microbiologist Nuclear Engineer Political-Military Analyst Computer Engineer
Physical Scientist Physicist Scientific and Technical Analyst Aerospace Engineer
System Administrator System Programmer Telecommunications Specialist
Foreign Language Interpreter Foreign Language Translator Cartographer
Civil Engineer Electrical Engineer Political-Military Analyst Operations Officer
Cartographer Counterintelligence Analyst Economic Analyst Financial Analyst