Bachelor of Science in National Security

Program (Student) Learning Outcomes: What Will I Learn?

1. Describe the interdisciplinary character of national security (e.g., history, political science, public administration, social science, psychology, economics, military leadership, and cybersecurity).
2. Examine the instruments of power (e.g., diplomatic, information, military, economic, social) and how nation-states leverage each for strategic advantage in a competitive international environment).
3. Explain how the U.S. and other nations create, evaluate, and revise national security strategy and policies.
4. Analyze the ethical issues surrounding the field of national security and develop solutions to address them.
5. Assess the national security posture of the United States.

Assessment Methodology

Metrics, Assessments, and Levels of Achievement

The table below provides a brief overview of the measures selected to assess program outcomes for the program. Assessment of program outcomes includes both direct and indirect measures. Benchmarks have been established to differentiate between three levels of program outcome achievement (highly achieved, meets standard, and needs improvement). These three levels of achievement are color coded and used in the section below to indicate the level of achievement for each measure, for each learning outcome.

Metric Type	Direct Measures		Indirect Measures	
Assessments	Capstone Course	Course-Embedded	Exit Survey	*One-Year Postgraduate Survey
Metrics	The percentage of students who receive a grade of B or better on the Capstone Rubric for its designated program outcome.	The percentage of the students who receive a grade of B or better on selected course embedded assessments.	The mean of the graduates' perceptions of their achievement of the related program outcomes (on a 6-pt Likert-type scale).	The mean of the graduates' perceptions of their achievement of the related program outcomes (on a 6-pt Likert-type scale).
Highly Achieved	≥ 85%		Mean ≥ 5%	
Meets Standard	70 - 84%		4.0 - 4.99	
Needs Improvement	< 70%		Mean < 4	

Note: The results of the one year post-graduation survey are used as a reference to provide a longitudinal perspective on students' attainment of program (student) outcomes.

Program Outcome Achievement Results

Summer I (May) 2020 Term to Spring II (March) 2021 Term

	Program Outcome	Direct Measure(s)		Indirect Measures	
1	Describe the interdisciplinary character of national security (e.g., history, political science, public administration, social science, psychology, economics, military leadership, and cybersecurity).	Capstone Assignment: BNS498 Final Paper M8A1.		Exit Survey	One-Year Survey
		99%		*	*
		n = 100			
2	Examine the instruments of power (e.g., diplomatic, information, military, economic, social) and how nation-states leverage each for strategic advantage in a competitive international environment).	Capstone Assignment: BNS498 Final Paper M8A1.	Capstone M7A1 Position Paper	Exit Survey	One-Year Survey
		98%	91%	*	*
		n = 100	n = 96		
3	Explain how the U.S. and other nations create, evaluate, and revise national security strategy and policies.	Capstone Assignment: BNS498 Final Paper M8A1.	Capstone M2A1 Position Paper	Exit Survey	One-Year Survey
		94%	100%	*	*
		n = 100	n = 83		
4	Analyze the ethical issues surrounding the field of national security and develop solutions to address them).	Capstone Assignment: BNS498 Final Paper M8A1.	Capstone M5A1 Position Paper	Exit Survey	One-Year Survey
		36%	19%	*	*
		n = 100	n = 101		
5	Assess the national security posture of the United States.	Capstone Assignment: BNS498 Final Paper M8A1.	Capstone M5A1 Position Paper	Exit Survey	One-Year Survey
		99%	97%	*	*
		n = 100	n = 101		

*Insufficient n.