

CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: Requiring a Grade of C or Better in INSS 3302

College: Liberal Arts Department: Intelligence and National Security Studies

PROGRAM DIRECTOR- Dr. Charles Boehmer

I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.

Signature

Date

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Dr. Selfa A. Chew-Melendez

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.

Signature

Date

COLLEGE DEAN – Dr. Anadeli Bencomo

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.

Signature

Date

CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: 06/08/2026

From: Dr. Charles Boehmer

Through: Dr. Anadeli Bencomo

To: Dr. Selfa A. Chew-Melendez, Chair, Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee

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Rationale for Requiring a Grade of C or Better in INSS 3302

The proposed change establishes a requirement that students earn a grade of C or better in INSS 3302 in order for the course to count toward completion of the Interdisciplinary Studies (INSS) minor.

This change aligns the minor requirements with existing course prerequisites. INSS 3302 serves as a prerequisite for upper-division courses within the minor, and those courses already require students to have earned a grade of C or better in INSS 3302 before enrolling. As a result, a student who earns a grade of D in INSS 3302 technically receives passing credit under university policy, but is unable to progress through the minor because the prerequisite requirement for subsequent courses has not been met.

The absence of a clearly stated “C or better” requirement in the minor creates confusion for students and advisors and may delay timely degree completion. In addition, because a grade of D is considered passing for most upper-division coursework under university policy, students who need to repeat INSS 3302 to satisfy prerequisite requirements may encounter challenges with registration and financial aid processes that are designed around the assumption that the course has already been successfully completed.

By explicitly requiring a grade of C or better in INSS 3302 within the minor requirements, the program will provide greater transparency, improve advising accuracy, align the catalog with existing prerequisite standards, and ensure that students possess the foundational knowledge necessary for success in advanced coursework. This change will also eliminate inconsistencies between program requirements and course prerequisites, thereby supporting student progression and degree completion.

INSS Minor

Degree Plan

Code	Title	Hours
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Required Courses:

INSS 3302^c	Sem in Intel and Nat'l Sec	3
INSS 4301	Intel Collection & Analysis	3

Prescribed Electives:

Select two of the following: 6

INSS 3301	Historical Dev of Nat'l Sec	
INSS 3310	Intel & Counterterrorism	
INSS 3315	Intel & Counterproliferation	
INSS 3320	Counterintelligence & Security	
INSS 3340	Seminar in Homeland Security	
INSS 3343	Crime and Border Security	
INSS 3348	Cyberspace & National Security	
INSS 3349	Security Operations	
INSS 4302	Intel & Transnational Threats	
INSS 4303	Ethics and Security	
INSS 4309	Technical Intelligence	
INSS 4347	Critical Infrastructure Prtctn	
INSS 4350	Selected Problems in Intel	
INSS 4351	Professional Practices	

^c INSS 3302 requires a C or better

INSS 4366	Security Studies Internship	
INSS 4380	Cybersecurity	
Interdisciplinary Electives:		
Select two of the following:		6
COMM 3353	Intercultural Communication	
HIST 3312	US in the World Since 1895	
HIST 3335	History of Modern East Asia	
HIST 3337	Modern Africa	
HIST 3338	History of Modern China	
HIST 3369	20th Century Europe, 1900-Pres	
LABS 3300	The Americas	
LABS 3301	The Border	
MS 3313	U.S. Military History	
PHIL 2306	Ethics	
POLS 3360	International Relations	
POLS 3361	International Security	
POLS 4330	Foreign Policy of the U.S.	
POLS 4364	Internat'l Political Economy	
RS 3310	Major World Religions	
Total Hours		18