

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY IN NATIONAL SECURITY AND COUNTERTERRORISM LAW

SPL's cornerstone academic program, the CAS in National Security and Counterterrorism Law is a highly interdisciplinary, 15-credit program of study for law students looking to specialize in national security, counterterrorism, and related fields. The certificate offers essential grounding in:

- National Security: federal law, international law, operational law, geopolitics, foreign policy, defense strategy, humanitarian interventions, emerging technologies
- Counterterrorism: legal definitions of terrorism, intelligence collection, surveillance, privacy, prosecution of terrorist, countering violent extremism
- Homeland Security: civil-military relations, emergency management, disaster response, immigration law
- Cybersecurity: the legal, policy, and technical aspects of cybersecurity, cyberespionage, computer crimes, countering cyber threats, critical infrastructure, artificial intelligence
- Humanitarian Law: international law, international humanitarian law; human rights law, laws of war, refugee law, postconflict reconstruction, special courts, alternative justice.

Additional academic opportunities include group research projects, simulations, field trips, and study abroad. Students can also join the SPL-supported Student Association on Terrorism and Security Analysis, which produces a journal and hosts an annual conference.

To earn the CAS in National Security and Counterterrorism Law, students must:

- Complete 15 credits of coursework: six credits from the *Required Course List* and nine credits from the *Elective Course List*. Any credits over six from the required list will count towards the elective credits. Students are encouraged to select courses with the help of a faculty advisor and/or SPL staff member.
 - Maintain an overall 3.0 GPA or H in CAS courses. No course may count if taken as a pass/fail or audited.
- Complete the Writing Requirement:
 - An academic paper on a security topic that satisfies the upper class writing requirement for Syracuse Law; OR
 - Students may take at least one course that requires a significant written product on a security topic. Courses with a [W] on the required course list meet this standard.
- Complete the Capstone Project:
 - Examples of a capstone project include, but are not limited to, a research paper, clinical work, an externship or substantial collaborative project. The project must be approved by the Program Director; OR
 - Students may take one or both classes whose cumulative work constitutes a Capstone Project. These classes – LAW 883 or LAW 822 – are designated with a [C] on the required course list.

Questions about the program can be directed to Danielle Scharf at dlscharf@syr.edu or by calling 315.443.2284, or by stopping by 300 Dineen Hall. Additional information about the certificate can be found on the SPL website.

Required Courses (SIX credits)

*[W] = Course meets Writing Requirement [C] = Course meets Capstone Project
Any required courses taken over six credits may be used as elective courses.*

- Central Challenges in National Security Law and Policy (LAW 883/PAI 683) [W] [C]
- Counterterrorism and the Law (LAW 790)
- Cybersecurity Law and Policy (LAW 790/PAI 700)
- Emerging Technologies and Global Security (LAW 844)
- Homeland Security Law and Policy (LAW 729/PAI 700)
- National Security and Counterterrorism Research Center (LAW 822/PAI 700) [W] [C]
- National Security Law (LAW 700)

Elective Courses (NINE credits)

Not every course is offered each semester. Please check SPL website for current class offerings.

- Climate Change (LAW 891)
- Comparative Civil-Military Relations (PSC 785)
- Comparative Foreign Policy (PSC 783)
- Culture in World Affairs (PAI/ANT 707)
- Federal Courts (LAW 721)
- Federal Criminal Law (LAW 735)
- Fundamentals of Conflict Studies (PAI 601)
- Fundamentals of Post conflict Reconstruction (PAI 719)
- Follow the Money: Key Issues Illicit Finance (PAI 685)
- Health Law and Policy (LAW 740)
- Humanitarian Action: Challenges, Responses, Results (PAI 765)
- Immigration Law (LAW 788)
- International Human Rights Law (LAW 778)
- International Law (LAW 728)
- International Security (PAI 717)
- International Security Theory (PSC 749)
- Internet Law (LAW 775)
- Intro to Intelligence Analysis (PAI 600-3)
- Legal and Literary Writing on War and Peace (LAW 845) [2 credit course]
- National Security Negotiations (LAW 897) [2 credit course]
- Space Law and Policy: National Security's Next Frontier (LAW 975) [2 credit course]
- Political Leadership (PSC 788/PAI 700)
- Privacy Law (LAW 792)
- Responding to Proliferation of WMDs (PAI 727)
- Rule of Law in Postconflict Reconstruction (LAW 813)
- The Theory and Practice of National Security (and Legal) Leadership (LAW 744) [2 credit course]
- Transatlantic Political Military Issues (PAI 700)
- Transnational Alternative Dispute Resolution (LAW 871) [1 credit course]
- Transnational Crimes, Drugs, & Terrorism (PSC 700)
- UN Organizations: Managing for Change (PAI 764)
- US Defense Strategy, Military Posture & Combat Operations (PAI 739)
- US Intelligence Community: Governance and Practice (PAI 738)
- US National Security & Foreign Policy (PAI 718/ PSC 706)
- Veterans Legal Clinic (LAW 926) (3 credits allowed)

*If you think another law or graduate course might apply to the CAS, please email Danielle Scharf (dlscharf@syr.edu) attaching the syllabus.