

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 an 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 terrorists, 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 also can 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 Law and Counterterrorism students must:

- Complete 15 credits of coursework: six credits from the "Required Course List" and nine credits from the "Elective Course List." Students are encouraged to select courses with the help of a faculty advisor and/or SPL staff member.
 - Maintain an overall 3.0 GPA average in CAS courses. No course may count if taken 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 a substantial collaborative project. The project must be approved by the Program Director, OR
 - Students may take one or both of two 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 (dlscharf@syr.edu), by calling SPL at 315.443.2284, or by visiting 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 requirement

Required courses taken beyond six credits may be used as electives.

- Counterterrorism & the Law (LAW 790) (Spring)
- Emerging Technologies & Global Security (LAW 844)
- National Security & Counterterrorism Research Center (LAW 822/PAI 700) [W][C] (Fall)
- National Security Law (LAW 700) (Spring)

Elective Courses (NINE credits)

Courses change each semester. Check the [SPL website](#) for up-to-date offerings.

- Advanced Legal Topics: Advanced Legal Topics in Immigration and Employment Policy (LAW 944) [2 credit course]
- Advanced Legal Topics: Advanced Legal Topics in National Security Law and Policy (LAW 944) [2 credit course]
- EU-US Cooperation in Criminal Matters (LAW 869) [1 credit course]
- Health Law and Policy (LAW 740)
- International Human Rights Law (LAW 778)
- International Law (LAW 728)
- Legal and Literary Writing on War and Peace (LAW 845) [2 credit course]
- National Security Negotiations (LAW 897) [2 credit course]
- Pro Skills: Applied Legal Ethics in National Security (LAW 893) [1.5 credit course]
- Space Law and Policy: National Security's Next Frontier (LAW 975) [2 credit course]
- Transnational Alternative Dispute Resolution (LAW 871) [1 credit course]
- Veterans Legal Clinic (LAW 926) [3 credits count towards certificate]

Externship Placements (with approval from SPL)

Independent Study (with approval from SPL)