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Transnational Security Policy

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Justification

Concentration Justification

This proposed concentration accompanies a proposal for change in the entire Professional Master of Science in Global & National Security degree. The justification for that proposal included the justification for this concentration (below).

This Transnational Security Policy concentration serves students by allowing them to get transcript credit for their area of focus, which communicates to employers the value of the Global & National Security degree. The Transnational Security Policy concentration provides students with multiple course options, of which they will complete five, at the policy-level for issues that transcend national security approaches and require international cooperation to manage or solve, including: security issues related to climate, energy, global public health, human rights, or terrorism. This concentration is well-suited for professionals from or those seeking to break into the career paths at Intergovernmental Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, and US federal agencies charged with managing transnational issues (e.g., Department of State, Department of Defense, Homeland Security, etc.).

Program Revision Justification: This proposal addresses multiple pedagogical, vocational, and practical concerns from the previous curriculum. The proposal responds to feedback from instructors, administrators, students, and alumni while maintaining the intent of the program as proposed by the founding director, Emile Nakhleh.

The proposed curriculum resolves pedagogical concerns that the existing curriculum was focused mostly on lower-order learning objectives, largely focused on understanding different areas of global or national security policy, and did not teach or require the advancement of higher-order learning objectives or specific skills. The proposed curriculum includes a new terminal learning outcome: To graduate hireable and promotable security professionals who can produce academically rigorous, publishable-quality policy analysis work on topics of high relevance to policymakers and practitioners in global and national security, broadly defined. This learning outcome focuses the program at teaching and practicing policy analysis skills and emphasizes the production of various types of policy writing that emerge from the policy analysis.

The proposed curriculum also resolves pedagogical concerns that the existing curriculum didn't specifically tie coursework to outcomes. The existing curriculum is far too open-ended with eight electives and a set of core courses that are not strictly necessary, depending on the student's interests and career. The proposed curriculum reduces the required courses to a single course (GLNS500: Intro to Global & National Security Policy) and a capstone course (GLNS599: Communication for Policy Professionals). GLNS500 is focused on teaching policy analysis skills and introducing policy writing as a genre, alongside fundamental material about how to think about global & national security, to prepare students for the remainder of the curriculum, where they can apply and refine their policy analysis and writing skills to various thematic areas. The Capstone course polishes writing and briefing skills, requiring students to refine an existing policy analysis paper from their coursework into different types of policy writing, such as a policy report, an issue brief, an op-ed. It requires a portfolio submission to encourage reflection on the entire degree program. The proposal retains the idea of some core courses are foundational but provides some options for students to tailor their foundations to their career. It bins six foundational courses and allows students to choose three to count toward their foundational requirements. The proposal includes two options for ethics courses as foundational courses, filling a pedagogical hole between the promise of the Institute and the curriculum offerings.

Students will be able to choose between three concentrations that match the Institute's focus areas, our current strengths and recruitment pool (Critical & Emerging Technology Policy and lab employees, respectively), and growth areas (Strategic Studies and Transnational Security Policy). The concentrations focus student efforts on courses that fit their vocational aspirations. These concentrations will be transcribed, providing students transcript evidence of their focus and expertise to current and future employers.

The proposal retains the emphasis on broadening student expertise to non-traditional areas of global and national security by requiring an elective course in each of the non-concentration focus areas.

Last, the proposed curriculum resolves practical issues of administering an interdisciplinary program. The only required courses are taught by the Director, the only employee contractually required to teach for GNSPI. The rest of the curriculum bins courses and offers students options within them, allowing for flexibility when faculty members leave UNM, go on sabbatical, change their teaching loads or preferences, or—in one rare case—disinvited from teaching for GNSPI. Each of the above examples have happened in the last two years, causing disruptions in offerings, requiring substitutions and, in some cases, delaying graduation.

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- PMS-GNS curriculum revision proposal 14NOV2025.docx

Program Information

Degree Name

PMS Globl & Nat Sec - Professional Master of Science in Global and National Security

Degree Type

Professional Master of Science

Program Type

Graduate

Program Description

No Parent Selected

Degree Hours

33

Minimum Major Hours

Concentration Information

Concentration Title

Transnational Security Policy

Program Level

Graduate

Concentration Requirements

- Earn at least 15 credits from the following:
 - GLNS530 - Environmental Security: Energy (3)
 - GLNS531 - Environmental Security: Food and Water (3)
 - GLNS575 - Global Health Security: Threats, Policies, and Politics (3)
 - GLNS576 - Global Health Security: Climate, Disease, and Public Health (3)
 - GLNS595 - Topics in Global and National Security (3)
 - POLS521 - Research Seminar in Comparative Politics (3)

Grand Total Credits: 15

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