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National Security Careers

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COURSE OVERVIEW

This course discusses careers in national security. It provides you with the history, background, and recent advances in this field. Millions of people work in national security positions, from military enlisted personnel, writers, politicians, photographers, and law enforcement personnel to agents, investigators, scientists, and administrative personnel. Just about any career you can imagine is available in national security.

In Unit 1, students learn that the term national security means much more than just U.S. military, the CIA, or the FBI. National security includes the actions of the president, Congress, law enforcement, and many agencies working together to ensure the safety of the United States and our allies. The unit covers the major departments and agencies responsible for national security. It also presents the history, laws, and policies that guide these groups. In many cases, these laws and policies directly affect the lives of most Americans.

Unit 2 presents the policymakers and agencies that make up the national security bureaucracy. It outlines the national security roles of the president, presidential cabinet and advisors, the 17 national security agencies, and Congress. Oversight and funding are also discussed in this unit.

Unit 3 provides information on the history and national security roles of the U.S. armed forces. It covers the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, National Guard, and Coast Guard. Technological advancements are presented, as well as careers within these branches of the military.

Unit 4 covers intelligence agencies and federal law enforcement. It covers the roles, responsibilities, and legal limitations of intelligence and law enforcement. Intelligence gathering (operations) and analysis are presented, including careers with various intelligence and law enforcement agencies.

Unit 5 discusses national security challenges in the 21st century. Rising threats such as terrorism, rogue nations, and weapons of mass destruction are presented. The unit also explores chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological weapons examples and threats.

Objectives

- Analyze and interpret the theories behind various national security policies.
- Understand the duties of the various career paths in the national security field.
- Recognize and be able to apply the different laws and regulations affecting national security policies.
- Develop the interpersonal, conflict resolution, communication, and critical-thinking skills that are required for successful careers in an ever-changing economic, technological, political, and social environment.
- Understand how various agencies interact to ensure the safety of the United States.
- Demonstrate an understanding of military, intelligence, and law enforcement practices.
- Apply analytical methods to understand the process of gathering and utilizing intelligence to detect threats to national security.
- Understand the evolution of national security in the United States.
- Recognize the importance of technology as part of the overall process of providing national security.
- Develop an appreciation for the variety of roles and responsibilities associated with a career in a national security organization.

UNIT 1: INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL, POLITICAL, AND HISTORICAL ASPECTS OF NATIONAL SECURITY	
NATIONAL SECURITY CAREERS	Assignment Titles
	1. Course Overview
	2. What Is National Security?
	3. Laws Guiding National Security
	4. Project: National Security Laws Chart
	5. Philosophies of National Security
	6. Project: Isolationism vs. Interventionism Venn Diagram
	7. Quiz 1: Theories, Laws, and Politics of National Security
	8. U.S. National Security Policy Before 1898
	9. Project: U.S. Diplomacy, Foreign Policy, and National Security Timeline (1607-1898)
	10. America's Rise as a World Power
	11. Project: U.S. Rise as World Power After 1898
	12. The Legacy of the Cold War and War on Terror
	13. Quiz 2: History of National Security Policy and Modern Concerns
	14. Project: Special Project*
	15. Test
	16. Course Project Part 1: Investigate a National Security Career*
17. Glossary and Credits	

UNIT 2: THE NATIONAL SECURITY BUREAUCRACY	
NATIONAL SECURITY CAREERS	Assignment Titles
	1. The Role and Responsibility of the President in National Security
	2. Project: President's National Security Response Analysis
	3. U.S. Executive Departments
	4. Project: Executive Department National Security Issues and Solutions Chart
	5. Presidential Advisors
	6. Quiz 1: The Executive Branch
	7. Roles and Responsibilities of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives
	8. Project: Roles of Congress: Similarities and Differences
	9. Congressional Committees, Oversight, and Appropriations
	10. Project: Personal Reaction to Congressional Committee Work
	11. Declaring War and Authorization for Use of Force
	12. Quiz 2: The Legislative Branch
	13. Project: Special Project*
	14. Test
	15. Course Project Part 2: An Interview of National Security Personnel*
16. Glossary and Credits	

UNIT 3: THE ARMED FORCES	
NATIONAL SECURITY CAREERS	Assignment Titles
	1. The U.S. Military
	2. The Impact of Technology on Combat and Non-Combat Operations
	3. Project: Military Technologies and Combat Operations
	4. Military Careers and Benefits
	5. Project: Personal Military Career Plan
	6. Quiz 1: The United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force
	7. History, Organization, and Role of the National Guard
	8. Project: The National Guard in Your State
	9. Roles of the Coast Guard
	10. Project: Coast Guard Missions Chart
	11. National Guard and Coast Guard Careers
	12. Quiz 2: The National Guard, Air National Guard, and Coast Guard
	13. Project: Special Project*
	14. Test
	15. Course Project Part 3: National Security Career Chart*
16. Glossary and Credits	

UNIT 4: INTELLIGENCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES	
NATIONAL SECURITY CAREERS	Assignment Titles
	1. Understanding the Reality of Intelligence Operations
	2. Project: Film Critique: Spy Movie
	3. The Impact of Technology on Intelligence Gathering
	4. Project: Declassified Intelligence Technologies Research
	5. Legal Constraints and Accountability of Intelligence Agencies
	6. Quiz 1: Intelligence Agencies
	7. Organization of Federal Law Enforcement Agencies
	8. Project: Federal Law Enforcement Interview
	9. Federal Law Enforcement Operations
	10. Federal Law Enforcement Career Paths
	11. Project: Federal Law Enforcement Career Plan
	12. Quiz 2: Law Enforcement Agencies
	13. Project: Special Project*
	14. Test
	15. Course Project Part 4: Storyboard of a National Security Scenario & Response*
16. Glossary and Credits	

UNIT 5: NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE 21ST CENTURY	
NATIONAL SECURITY CAREERS	Assignment Titles
	1. Identifying Terrorist Organizations
	2. Preventing Acts of Terrorism
	3. Project: Reaction to Terrorism Prevention
	4. Responding to Acts of Terrorism
	5. Project: Response to a Terrorist Attack
	6. Quiz 1: Terrorism and Non-State Actors
	7. Understanding the History and Policies Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction
	8. Project: WMD: History, Uses, and Regulations
	9. Recognizing Nuclear Weapons Proliferation
	10. Project: Nuclear WMD Research
	11. The Threat of Chemical, Biological, Nuclear, and Radiological (CBNR) Weapons
	12. Quiz 2: Weapons of Mass Destruction
	13. Project: Special Project*
	14. Test
	15. Course Project Part 5: Create a Multimedia Presentation*
16. Glossary and Credits	

UNIT 6: COURSE PROJECT, REVIEW, AND EXAM	
NATIONAL SECURITY CAREERS	Assignment Titles
	1. Course Project Part 6: Give a Multimedia Presentation *
	2. Review
	3. Exam

(*) Indicates alternate assignment