# Degree Map:
## Master of Arts in Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies

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## Core Policy Requirements
- NPTG 8501: International Security Research & Analysis
  - 8-10 Credits
  - Sem/Year
  - Note I or IP
- 2-4 Credit Methods/Skills Course (see list, below)
  - 2-4 Credits
  - Sem/Year
  - Note I or IP
- NPTG 8504: Global Politics
  - 4

## Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies Core Requirements
- NPTG 8574: Introduction to WMD Nonproliferation
  - 12 Credits
  - Sem/Year
  - Note I or IP
- NPTG 8584: Introduction to Terrorism
  - 4
- NPTG 8559: Science and Technology for NPTS
  - 4
- Two Seminars in Terrorism and/or Nonproliferation Studies
  - 8 Credits
  - Sem/Year
  - Note I or IP

## Additional Credits of Advanced Courses, Seminars and/or Workshops in Terrorism and/or Nonproliferation Studies
- 8 Credits
  - Sem/Year
  - Note I or IP

## Advanced Language
- 12 Credits
  - Sem/Year
  - Note I or IP

## Electives
- 10-12 Credits
  - Sem/Year
  - Note I or IP

## Total Credits Received (Includes I and IP)
- 18

## Missing Requirements
- Records Office
- Yes/No
- Date
- Initials
- Proof of BA Rec’d
- OK to Graduate
- Email Sent, Advisor CC’d

### Notes & Guidelines
- NPTG 8662: NPTS Honors Thesis counts towards the seminar requirement
- A maximum of 4 credits from IPSS can be counted towards the seminar or advanced NPTS coursework category
- Use the Degree Map for planning, to stay on track with course requirements, and to project semester of graduation
- Whenever possible, aim to complete all of your core coursework within your first two semesters
- A minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA is required to be “making satisfactory academic progress” and to graduate
- For general academic guidelines, please refer to the Policies and Standards Manual (PSM) located at go.miis.edu/apsm
- Consult with your advisor for course waivers or exemptions and any additional degree requirements
- Students that exceed 16 credits in a term, exceed a total of 64 credits, or exceed 4 terms of study may accrue overload charges. See the PSM and consult with the Business Office for further details on overloads.
**SUGGESTED COURSE OF STUDY**

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**ACADEMIC ADVISING AND DEGREE PROGRESSION**

*It is your responsibility to ensure the courses you take meet the degree requirements, and that you have sufficient credits to graduate.* If you have any questions about your requirements, please consult with your Career and Academic Advisor. You should meet with your Advisor on a routine basis each semester and well in advance of your intended date of graduation.

**METHODS/SKILLS REQUIREMENT**

Students may select from the following list of courses to fulfill the methods/skills core requirement for the NPTS degree. Note that new courses may be added in subsequent semesters, and will be added to this list. If you have a question about whether a course will count towards the requirement, please contact the Program Chair:

- DPPG 8500: Intro to Policy & Data Analysis (3 credits)
- NPTG 8531: Writing and Briefing Memos (2 credits)
- NPTG 8529: Tabletop Exercise Design and Operation (2 credits)
- NPTG 8509: Historical Research Methods (2 credits)
- NPTG 8518: Open Sources Tools for NPTS (4 credits)

**THE NPTS HONORS THESIS**

The NPTS Honors Thesis is a highly selective program through which students will be challenged to design and conduct an independent research project of professional scope and quality with the guidance of a thesis advisor. Only a limited number of students will be selected to participate in the Honors Thesis program each academic year.

**Application and Selection**

Applications for the honors thesis program will be accepted in the spring semester. Students in their second or subsequent semesters in the NPTS MA program who are currently maintaining a GPA of 3.7 or higher may apply to be admitted into the Honors Thesis program. Application forms are available from the GSIPM front desk.

Applications require a proposal for the thesis, academic transcript, sample of research writing, and endorsement from a member of the faculty or research staff. In recommending a student for the honors thesis, a faculty or staff member agrees to serve as the student’s thesis advisor if the student is selected for the program.

Students will be selected for the program on the basis of GPA, demonstrated proficiency in research and analytical writing, and other relevant criteria as determined by a selection committee composed of NPTS faculty and research staff.
**Thesis Preparation and Review**

Students admitted into the honors thesis program will be given permission to enroll in one semester of NPTG 8662. The purpose of this course is to free up time in the student’s schedule to work on the thesis. Throughout the semester, thesis advisors will provide students enrolled in NPTG 8662 with individualized supervision of their thesis projects. Thesis advisors will set a schedule for research and writing of the thesis and will meet with students as needed to review progress and provide comments and advice. The four credits obtained through this course can count towards the seminar requirement.

**Thesis Defense**

Students will be required to present and defend their Honors Theses before the MIIS community in a public forum. Depending on what thesis students arrange with the NPTS program chair and their advisors, the thesis student might give an individual seminar or might participate in a symposium with other thesis students. Following the presentation of their thesis research, students will receive comments and questions from faculty and research staff at MIIS and other institutions, nonproliferation and counterterrorism practitioners, and/or distinguished alumni. Students will be expected to respond to these comments and questions in a professional manner and to incorporate relevant feedback in the final version of their theses as appropriate.

**Finalization and Grading**

Students will submit final versions of their honors theses to their thesis advisors after the symposium. Thesis advisors will grade final submissions and determine whether or not they meet the standards of quality necessary for designation as an honors thesis.

**Publication and Contribution to Community of Practice**

Honors Theses will be archived in a database and made available for researchers and practitioners. Honors Thesis advisors will make recommendations to students for finding appropriate publication outlets for superior honors theses. Regardless of the option pursued for publication, responsibility for preparation of a publishable version of the honors thesis, including any necessary revisions, lies with the student.

**MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTER-TERRORISM FINANCE**

Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Finance (AML-CTF) covers national and international efforts to combat terrorism and organized crime through financial controls. Courses covering these topic areas are offered through the MBA program; NPTS students are welcome to enroll.

**NETWORK ANALYSIS**

Students interested in taking IPSG 8565 Introduction to Network Analysis should be aware that this course requires that DPPG 8500 Intro to Policy & Data Analysis be taken and a grade of A- or better received as a pre-requisite and plan their programs accordingly.

**LANGUAGE**

Students will complete the 12-credit Language Component by taking 12 credits of language courses in a single language. Students need to meet the minimum proficiency requirement in the language (200-level for Spanish, French and Arabic, 300-level for all the other languages), demonstrated by the placement test taken in the semester when the students plan to take language courses.