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School of Defense and Strategic Studies

Fall 2026 Course Highlights

DSS 734 National Security and the 4th Industrial Revolution

Dr. Christopher Whyte

Online asynchronous modality

This course prepares students for careers in security policy and defense by equipping them with analytical tools to critically assess the relationship between technological change and national security. It aims to build an understanding of how emerging technologies drive both innovation and insecurity in the international system. By exploring the sociopolitical and strategic dimensions of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, students develop the ability to evaluate complex security challenges and craft informed policy responses. Ultimately, the course prepares learners to engage thoughtfully with the evolving technological forces shaping defense, diplomacy, and global governance.

DSS 836 National Security Publication

Course restricted to DSS doctorate students only

Dr. Gary Geipel

Online synchronous modality (ZOOM)

Thursday, 6-9 p.m. ET

In this course, doctoral students will write and prepare articles for publication, serve as an Editorial Board to improve one another's work, and lead the production of a podcast series. In addition, students will engage in readings and substantive discussions to consider the numerous changes influencing knowledge production and dissemination today, as well as opinion formation in the field of Defense and Strategic Studies. Course meetings will be live (in a hybrid in-person/Zoom format) and will include weekly lectures and discussions as well as live meetings of the Editorial Board. The course will encourage students to pursue the actual publication of their work in peer-reviewed and opinion journals, as well as in the School of Defense and Strategic Studies' own outlets. (These are the peer-reviewed *Defense and Strategic Studies Online* and the podcast and opinion platform "Deterrence School," available on Substack, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify.)

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