

HAMPDEN- SYDNEY COLLEGE



Tiger Tracks

Studies and career options for Hampden-Sydney students interested in national security, including military service, law enforcement, homeland security, diplomacy, intelligence, and cyber security.

*Hampden-Sydney men
have been protecting
their nation
through military service,
law enforcement,
and homeland security
since 1776.*

PREPARING FOR A CAREER IN National Security

MINDSET

- National security is a broad term that includes military service, law enforcement, homeland security, diplomacy, intelligence, emergency management, and cyber security.
- Interested individuals often report responding to a “call” to serve
- National security offers unique challenges, adventures, and possible dangers
- Individuals who serve in national security display appreciation for tradition and active patriotism

ACADEMICS

We encourage students to follow a broad course of study to develop the habits of thoroughness, intellectual curiosity, logical thinking, analysis of social institutions, and clarity of expression that are the hallmarks of liberal arts education. Those skills are employed throughout the Hampden-Sydney curriculum, beginning with our Rhetoric program.

- The following courses are not prescribed for students interested in the national security arena, but they do provide some background: Military History, US National Intelligence, and Issues in US National Security.
- The Military and National Security Studies Program is designed for students who are interested in the historical, political, cultural, ethical, and legal dimensions of national security policy.
- The Public Service Program prepares students for careers in government agencies, non-profits, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).
- Foreign Languages, particularly “hard languages” such as Mandarin, Arabic, Russian, and Farsi.
- Study Abroad gives international experience which is excellent preparation for serving overseas.

PROGRAMS & CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Hampden-Sydney Army ROTC students train on campus with Longwood students and are affiliated with the Spider Battalion out of the University of Richmond.
- Marine Platoon Leaders Course lets students complete their OCS training during two six-week summer courses held at Quantico Marine base during their undergraduate years.
- National Guard, Air National Guard, Marine Corps Reserve programs allow students to attend school while in the military reserve, and they may provide various sources of financial aid to students.
- The Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest develops effective and ethical leaders who link theory with principled action, and understand the challenges to the United States and the world.
- Wilson Center Freshman Leadership Program provides an early opportunity for college students to get involved in developing leadership skills.
- Beyond the Hill, a program run by the Dean of Students, organizes service trips to Central America and the Caribbean for small groups of students over holiday breaks.
- Model Organization of American States Team competes each year in DC at the Model OAS exercise in international diplomacy, policy development, advocacy, and parliamentary debate.
- The Hampden-Sydney Volunteer Fire Department offers an opportunity to serve and lead while dealing with stressful and potentially dangerous situations.
- Student Government & Other Campus Organizations provide opportunities to develop, sharpen, and practice leadership skills.

PREPARATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

- Paths into the national security arena can be competitive and lengthy. Start your preparation and exploration early in order to have more options.
- Identify and develop a relationship with a mentor. Talk to them regularly about why they chose their career and what life is like in their area of the national security arena.
- Network. Like many professions, the national security world is a well-connected network. Meet and learn from men and women who can provide applicable career advice.
- Internships are critical and competitive. Seek opportunities that allow you to explore and pursue your national security interests.
- The Office of Career Education and Vocational Reflection offers opportunities to practice networking, résumé and cover letter writing, interview preparation, and general workplace etiquette.

GRADUATE STUDIES

- If you intend to go to graduate school to study national security, it is vital to prepare thoroughly before taking the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Top programs include Georgetown’s Securities Studies Program, John Hopkins’ School of Advanced International Studies, and the Institute of World Politics.
- Students interested in policy or legal careers in the national security realm may benefit from pursuing law school, in which case they will need to take the LSAT.
- JAG – Students interested in the study of law and military service can combine these two interests by pursuing admission to the Judge Advocate General’s program of one of the military services.

CAREERS

National Security is a broad field that includes military service, law enforcement, and homeland security, diplomacy, intelligence, and cyber security. Federal departments and agencies include Commerce, Defense, Homeland Security, State, Treasury, FBI, CIA, DEA, National Guard, and countless others. Potential jobs are vast and numerous, such as a soldier, FBI agent, Border Patrol agent, intelligence analyst, foreign service officer, intelligence collector, or pilot, at the national, state, and local levels.

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good citizens
since 1776



GORDON NASH '71

Major General, USMC (Retired); VP for Strategic Planning, Sierra Nevada Corp.

A brother of the Kappa Alpha Order and a history major, General Nash served in the Marine Corps for 35 years, commanding Marine Corps organizations from the platoon to division level and serving in a wide variety of operational and staff billets in and outside the continental United States.

With the Joint Special Operations Command he served as the J-3 for Task Force Ranger in Somalia, commanded Joint Task Force Auburn Endeavor in support of Department of Energy efforts in Tbilisi, Georgia, commanded the Joint Warfighting Center, and served finally as the Director of Expeditionary Warfare on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations.

DAVID GRISDALE '08

Commander, Bravo Company, 2-34 AR, U.S. Army, Fort Riley, KS

David was an Applied Mathematics major with a minor in National Security Studies and Military Leadership. He was a member of Army ROTC all four years of college, as well as a Society of '91 graduate and a Student Senator. At graduation, David was commissioned as an Armor Officer. He graduated from Armor Basic Officer Leaders Course, Scout Leaders Course, and Ranger School. His first deployment was as the Battalion Scout Platoon Leader in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. He now is the commander of Bravo Company, 2-34 AR in Fort Riley, KS. He will attend Maneuver Captains Career Course in December 2012.



TIM MCKAY '96

Captain, Chesterfield Fire and EMS Department, Chesterfield, VA

In addition to serving as the editor of *The Tiger* and as a Resident Advisor, Tim volunteered as a student with both the Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue Squad and the Hampden-Sydney Volunteer Fire Department, attaining the rank of Chief during his senior year. After H-SC, Tim broadened his public service by working with the Virginia State Police for several years before becoming the Fire Chief of the Town of Farmville. He is now a Captain in the Training and Education Unit for the Chesterfield Fire and EMS department.

CHRISTOPHER W. BISHOP '95

Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State, Taipei, Taiwan

A History and Political Science double major, Christopher studied abroad in China, Germany, and on the Virginia Program at Oxford. He served as President of the Union-Philanthropic Society his senior year and was tapped for Omicron Delta Kappa. After graduation he taught English in China and pursued graduate studies in history and international relations at Oxford and Georgetown. He joined the U.S. Department of State in 2002 and has served overseas in China and Japan, and in Washington as Special Assistant to Secretaries of State Condoleezza Rice and Hillary Rodham Clinton. He is currently studying advanced Chinese at the American Institute in Taiwan and will begin a new assignment at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing in 2015.



BILL WRIGHT '94

Staff Director & General Counsel, Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee, Washington, DC

Bill studied political science and national security and played rugby while at Hampden-Sydney. During summers Bill interned on Capitol Hill for Congressman Bob Inglis, serving as Legislative Assistant after graduating. He attended DePaul University College of Law, clerking for then Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert. He has held several positions in the U.S. Department of State, dealing with counterterrorism and law enforcement. In 2010, Bill began his current position in the U.S. Senate, where he serves as national and homeland security advisor to ranking member Senator Scott Brown (R-MA) and handles legislative and oversight responsibilities of the Committee.

HAL "TREY" LACKEY '85

Foreign Service Officer, South Asia Bureau, U.S. State Department, Washington, DC

Trey Lackey graduated with a bachelor's in history. He was an infantry officer with the United States Marine Corps from 1986 to 1990, assigned to the US Embassy in Turkey. Trey left the Marine Corps as a Captain to join the staff of Virginia Congressman French Slaughter, Jr. He soon moved to the Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer. He has completed overseas tours for the State Department in Vienna, Ankara, Berlin, New Delhi, and Baghdad. He now works in Washington with particular attention to issues dealing with Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.



ROBERT LIVINGSTON '78

Major General, US Army, Adjutant General for South Carolina

After graduation, General Livingston enlisted in the South Carolina Army National Guard. He was commissioned through the Palmetto Military Academy, Officer Candidate School, in 1980 as the Top Honor Graduate. As Adjutant General, he is head of the Military Department of the state of South Carolina, administering the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard, the Emergency Management Division, the State Guard, Youth Challenge, and Americorps. General Livingston is also President, CEO, and owner of Gregory Electric Company, Inc., a provider of commercial and industrial electrical and telecommunications services in nine states.

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