



The bottom line: Senior leaders who aspire to become *strategically minded* leaders must have a conceptual framework for situating weapons of mass destruction (WMD) issues in their thinking. Why? Because:

- *Almost every current major national security challenge facing the United States today contains some significant WMD dimension.*
- *Every major adversary of the United States is in some way involved with WMD.*

The Weapons of Mass Destruction Studies Concentration provides that conceptual framework. And that's why it's one of the most popular academic concentrations at NDU.

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The WMD Studies Concentration requirements**

Take two elective courses as follows:

One “foundations” course:

NDU 6014: Contemporary Issues in Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction: Through the Film-maker's Lens **OR (i.e., only one of the two courses is required – not both)**

NDU 6015: The Gravest Danger: Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction

And one additional elective course from among the following:

NDU 6014: Contemporary Issues in Combatting Weapons of Mass Destruction: Through the Film-maker's Lens* (offered Fall and Spring)

NDU 6015: The Gravest Danger: Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction*

NDU 6066: Deterrence Theory and National Security

NDU 6070: From the War Zone to the Hot Zone: Rapidly Evolving Challenges in Biodefense

NDU 6071: Thinking about the “UNTHINKABLE”: Strategic Weapons, Strategic Warfare, and Enduringly Consequential Choices

NDU 6900: Independent Research Study

NWC 6009: Nuclear Weapons and National Security in the 21st Century

CISA 6005: Nuclear Statecraft: Diplomacy, Summitry, and Collective Action

CISA 6910: Nuclear Threats and Responses: Addressing Nuclear Risks in a Dangerous World

*If you take NDU 6014 as the required course, you can take NDU 6015 as the additional course, and vice-versa.

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