***National Security Executive Leadership Seminar/NSELS* (PT330)**

NSELS is the Department of State’s flagship interagency course. The goal of NSELS is to help create a collaborative and effective cadre of national security professionals who will collectively advance the national interest of the United States. The course seeks motivated leaders interested in deepening their understanding of policy formulation and execution.

***Course Objectives***

At the end of the seminar, participants will be able to:

* More effectively contribute to the national security policy formulation process;
* Analyze national security challenges and opportunities from a long-term perspective;
* Leverage networks and more effectively collaborate across agency lines; and
* More effectively lead interagency teams.

***Course Overview***

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| **Module 1**  **The National Security Framework** | **Module 2**  **Perspectives on National Security** | **Module 3**  **Over the Horizon Challenges and Opportunities** | **Module 4**  **Collaboration in the Interagency** | **Module 5**  **Leadership**  **in an Interagency Environment** |
| “Big picture” national security interests, including those outlined in the National Security Strategy, contrasted with agency interests.  Role of the National Security Council. | Perspectives of various players inside and outside the national security system and their effect on the agenda, priorities for the interagency.  Impact of budgetary issues on policy priorities. | Strategic planning exercise; analysis of national security challenges and opportunities from a long-term perspective. | One-day field trip and other case studies to identify challenges and opportunities for interagency collaboration. | Senior-level speakers from across the USG on aspects of leadership in the interagency, including , change leadership, and crisis leadership. |

*Note: This course overview is based on 2019/2020 courses and is subject to change.*

* Participants: rising leaders at the FS-01, GS-15, O-6 level, nominated by their agencies and bureaus and chosen through a competitive selection process.
* The cohort will be composed of half State Department employees, half employees of other agencies involved in national security issues.

Nominations: Agency and bureau POCs should submit nominations by October 30, 2020, in Word format, to [InteragencyTraining@state.gov](mailto:IinteragencyTraining@state.gov). The final cohort selection is at the discretion of the Foreign Service Institute, and selectees will be notified via email by mid-November 2020.

***2020/2021 Dates***

The cohort meets for two days each month over a five-month period for a total of ten days.

* Dates: December 16-17, 2020 ***(in-person at FSI and will adhere to CDC guidelines for social distancing and mask wearing in the classroom)***; January 27-28, 2021 (TBD); February 24-25, 2021 (TBD); March 25-26, 2021 (TBD); April 28-29, 2021 (TBD)