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Thank you for inquiring about the National Security Studies (NSS) Master of Arts program here at California State University, San Bernardino. The M.A. in National Security Studies is a professionally-oriented, interdisciplinary, graduate-level program designed to develop an understanding of the substance and principles of defense policy analysis, strategic planning and intelligence analysis in relation to the contemporary international environment. It provides a solid background for pursuing careers in a variety of government, academic, and think tank positions.

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If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the NSS office at (909) 537-5534.

Wishing you great success in your future endeavors,

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