

Department of Political Science

International Security Option

General Information

The study of international security focuses on the relationship between politics and security and examines the causes of war and the use and control of force: threats, promises, and the tactics, techniques, and ethics of violence. It teaches the theories and the historical context for understanding contemporary security issues.

The option is recommended for students interested in an in-depth study of international security. This is an optional program of study and not an official college major or minor. Students who elect this option must satisfy both the 50 credits required for the Political Science major and the 45 credits for the option. Up to 25 credits may overlap between the Political Science major and the option. No more than 20 credits may be used to satisfy both the option and the requirements for any other major. Non-Pol S courses count only toward requirements for the option, not for the Political Science major. Courses for the option must have a grade of 2.0 or higher.

If you complete the 45-credit international security option, you will receive the notation *Political Science: International Security Option* on your transcript after you graduate.

Declare the option when you have completed at least 6 courses or when you apply to graduate. The Political Science Advising Office is located in 215 Smith Hall. If you have questions, call 543-1824 or email us at polsadvc@uw.edu.

Introductory Course (5 credits)

| <u>COMPLETED</u> | OR | <u>IN PROGRESS</u> | <u>COURSE #</u> | <u>COURSE TITLE</u> |
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| — | | — | POL S 203 | Introduction to International Relations |

Advanced Courses. Two courses (10 credits)

| <u>COMPLETED</u> | OR | <u>IN PROGRESS</u> | <u>COURSE #</u> | <u>COURSE TITLE</u> |
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| — | | — | POL S 321 | American Foreign Policy |
| — | | — | POL S 407 | International Conflict |

Elective Courses. Six Courses (30 credits) See course list on reverse. Fill in courses below

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International Security Colloquium (UWISC)

Students interested in the option are encouraged to attend the talks sponsored by the **UW International Security Colloquium (UWISC)**. UWISC sponsors nine speakers a year from the across the US and Europe, as well as UW faculty and students. For schedules see <https://www.polisci.washington.edu/events/uwisc-international-security-colloquium> or contact Professors Kier (ekier@uw.edu) or Mercer (mercer@uw.edu) for more information.

A list of elective courses for the option can be found on the second page

International Security Option Elective Classes

Security Option Elective Courses in Political Science

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| POL S/JSIS B 307 | Religion and World Politics | POL S 419/JSIS A 459 | U.S.–China Relations |
| POL S/JSIS A 314/ NEAR E 315 | Israel: Dynamic Society & Global Flashpoint | POL S 420 | Soviet/Russian Foreign Policy |
| POL S 325 | Arab-Israeli Conflict | POL S 425 | Political Psychology and War |
| POL S 328 | International Organizations | POL S/JSIS B 426 | World Politics |
| POL S 331 | Gov't/Politics in Middle East/N. Africa | POL S 428 | Military Intervention |
| POL S/RELIG 337 | Collective Violence and the State | POL S 430 | Civil-Military Relations |
| POL S/JSIS A 340 | Politics of India, Pakistan, & South Asia | POL S 431 | Middle East – IR |
| POL S/JSIS A 348 | EU as a Global Actor | POL S 432/JSIS B 406 | Political Islam & Islamic Fundamentalism |
| POL S 368/LSJ 320 | Politics & Law of Int'l Human Rights | POL S/JSIS A 434 | South Asia – IR |

Security Option Elective Courses in Other Programs *

(Note: some courses may have prerequisites)

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| ANTH 320/BIOL 320 | Game Theory, Evolution and Behavior | JSIS A 416 | NATO |
| ANTH 497/LSJ 425 | Perspectives on Asylum & Refugee Law | JSIS A 420 | Post-Soviet Security |
| A S 211,212,213 | Evolution of Air and Space Power I, II & III | JSIS A 430 | Soviet Empire: Creation, Consolidation, and Collapse |
| A S 431, 432, 433 | Aerospace Studies 400: I, II & III | JSIS A 468 | Russia and the International System |
| GEOG/JSIS B 375 | Geopolitics | JSIS B/SOC 301 | War |
| HSERV 415/G H 419 | War and Health | JSIS B 421 | National Security and International Affairs |
| HSTAA 202 | American Foreign Policy, 1776-Pres. | JSIS B 423 | Practicing American Foreign Policy |
| HSTAA 212 | Mil. History of the US (colonial –pres.) | JSIS B 424 | International Law and Arms Control |
| HSTAFM 268 | Wars in the Modern Middle East | JSIS B 427 | Weapons of Mass Destruction |
| HSTAM 205 | Mil. History of the Ancient World | JSIS B 429 | Nuclear Nonproliferation & Intl Safeguards |
| HSTAS/JSIS A 244 | Imperial.& Anti-Colonial. in Asia | JSIS B 441 | Forced Migrations |
| HSTAS/JSIS A 265 | Viet Nam Wars | RELIG/HUM/NEAR E 205 | Religion, Violence and Peace |
| HSTCMP 215 | History of the Atomic Bomb | N SCI 321 | Evolution of Warfare I |
| HSTCMP 269/JSIS C 269 | The Holocaust: History and Memory | PHIL 338 | Philosophy of Human Rights |
| HSTCMP 340 | The Cold War: Realities, Myths, Legacies | PHIL 407 | International Justice |
| HSTCMP 345 | War and Society | PSYCH 477 | Psychology of Peace |
| HSTEU 376 | Modern Irish History | SOC 345 | Sects and Violence |
| HSTEU 435 | World War I | | |

* Consult with Political Science advisers about other courses related to international security that students may petition for the option.