

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

Advanced Courses. Two courses (10 credits)

<u>COMPLETED</u>	OR	<u>IN</u> <u>PROGRESS</u>	<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>
—		—	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

<u>COMPLETED</u>	OR	<u>IN</u> <u>PROGRESS</u>	<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>
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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

POL S/JSIS B 307	Religion and World Politics	POL S 420	Soviet/Russian Foreign Policy
POL S/JSIS A 314/ NEAR E 315	Israel: Dynamic Society & Global Flashpoint	POL S 425	Political Psychology and War
POL S 325	Arab-Israeli Conflict	POL S/JSIS B 426	World Politics
POL S 328	International Organizations	POL S 428	Military Intervention
POL S 331	Gov't/Politics in Middle East/N. Africa	POL S 430	Civil-Military Relations
POL S/RELIG 337	Collective Violence and the State	POL S 431	Middle East – IR
POL S/JSIS A 340	Politics of India, Pakistan, & South Asia	POL S 432/JSIS B 406	Political Islam & Islamic Fundamentalism
POL S/JSIS A 348	EU as a Global Actor	POL S/JSIS A 434	South Asia – IR
POL S 368/LSJ 320	Politics & Law of Int'l Human Rights	POL S/JSIS B 436	Ethnic Politics and Nationalism in Multi-Ethnic Societies
POL S 419/JSIS A 459	U.S.–China Relations		

Security Option Elective Courses in Other Programs *

(Note: some courses may have prerequisites)

ANTH 320/BIOL 320	Game Theory, Evolution and Behavior	JSIS A 420	Post-Soviet Security
ANTH 497/LSJ 425	Perspectives on Asylum & Refugee Law	JSIS A 430	Soviet Empire: Creation, Consolidation, and Collapse
A S 211,212,213	Evolution of Air and Space Power I, II & III	JSIS A 468	Russia and the International System
A S 431, 432, 433	Aerospace Studies 400: I, II & III	JSIS A 493	Water and Security in the Middle East
GEOG/JSIS B 375	Geopolitics	JSIS B/SOC 301	War
HSERV 415/G H 419	War and Health	JSIS B 355	Cybersecurity
HSTAA 202	American Foreign Policy, 1776-Pres.	JSIS B 421	National Security and International Affairs
HSTAA 212	Mil. History of the US (colonial –pres.)	JSIS B 423	Practicing American Foreign Policy
HSTAFM 268	Wars in the Modern Middle East	JSIS B 424	International Law and Arms Control
HSTAM 205	Mil. History of the Ancient World	JSIS B 427	Weapons of Mass Destruction
HSTAS/JSIS A 244	Imperial.& Anti-Colonial. in Asia	JSIS B 429	Nuclear Nonproliferation & Intl Safeguards
HSTAS/JSIS A 265	Viet Nam Wars	JSIS B 441	Forced Migrations
HSTCMP 215	History of the Atomic Bomb	RELIG/HUM 205/NEAR E 285	Religion, Violence and Peace
HSTCMP 269/JSIS C 269	The Holocaust: History and Memory	N SCI 321	Evolution of Warfare I
HSTCMP 340	The Cold War: Realities, Myths, Legacies	PHIL 338	Philosophy of Human Rights
HSTCMP 345	War and Society	PHIL 407	International Justice
HSTEU 376	Modern Irish History	PSYCH 477	Psychology of Peace
HSTEU 435	World War I	SOC 345	Sects and Violence
JSIS A 416	NATO		

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