

# 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](mailto:polsadvc@uw.edu).

### Introductory Course (5 credits)

<u>COMPLETED</u>	<b>OR</b>	<u>IN 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>	<b>OR</b>	<u>IN 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>	<b>OR</b>	<u>IN 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](mailto:ekier@uw.edu)) or Mercer ([mercer@uw.edu](mailto: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/RELIG 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 and 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/JSIS B 337	Collective Violence and the State	POL S 430/LSJ 431	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 349	Strategy and War	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

## Security Option Elective Courses in Other Programs \*

(Note: some courses may have prerequisites)

ANTH 497/LSJ 425	Perspectives on Asylum & Refugee Law	HSTEU 376	Modern Irish History
A S 211,212,213	Evolution of Air and Space Power I, II & III	HSTEU 435	World War I
A S 431, 432, 433	Aerospace Studies 400: I, II & III	JSIS A 323	United States-Latin American Relations
GEOG/JSIS B 375	Geopolitics	JSIS A 416	NATO
HSERV 415/G H 419	War and Health	JSIS A 420	Post-Soviet Security
HSTAA 202	American Foreign Policy, 1776-Pres.	JSIS A 430	Soviet Empire: Creation, Consolidation, and Collapse
HSTAA 212	Mil. History of the US (colonial –pres.)	JSIS A 468	Russia and the International System
HSTAFM 268	Wars in the Modern Middle East	JSIS A 493	Water and Security in the Middle East
HSTAFM 463	Modern Persian Gulf	JSIS B 301/SOC 306	War
HSTAM 205	Mil. History of the Ancient World	JSIS B 311	Myth of War
HSTAS/JSIS A 244	Imperial.& Anti-Colonial. in Asia	JSIS B 355	Cybersecurity and International Studies
HSTAS/JSIS A 254	Modern China: Three Revolutions	JSIS B 423	Practicing American Foreign Policy
HSTAS/JSIS A 265	Viet Nam Wars	JSIS B 424	International Nuclear Security
HSTCMP 215	History of the Atomic Bomb	JSIS B 427	Weapons of Mass Destruction
HSTCMP 269/JEW ST 269	The Holocaust: History and Memory	JSIS B 429	Nuclear Nonproliferation & Intl Safeguards
HSTCMP/JSIS B 340	The Cold War: Realities, Myths, Legacies	JSIS B 441	Forced Migrations
HSTCMP 345	War and Society	RELIG/HUM 205/NEAR E 285	Religion, Violence and Peace
HSTCMP 346	Images of War in History, Literature, and Media	N SCI 321	Evolution of Warfare I
HSTEU 234	History of Nazi Germany and the Holocaust	PHIL 338	Philosophy of Human Rights
HSTEU/JSIS A 252	The Bloodlands: East Central Europe under Hitler and Stalin	PHIL 407	International Justice
		SOC 345	Sects and Violence

**\* Consult with POL S advisers about courses related to international security that may petitioned for the option.**