# Master of Arts in International Security (I-SEC)

For students admitted Fall 2015 to Present:

Student name: ______________________________  G#: ______________________________

## Core Coursework – 21 credits

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<td>PUBP 504 – Grand Strategy or PUBP 771 – Grand Strategy (if taken prior to Fall 2017)</td>
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<td>PUBP 506 – Ethics and the Use of Force or PUBP 738 – Ethics and the Use of Force (if taken prior to Fall 2017)</td>
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<td>GOVT 540 – International Relations</td>
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<td>PUBP 505 - Politics and Practice of International Security Policy or PUBP 710 – Theory &amp; Practice of Public Policy for Security (if taken in Spring 2016)</td>
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<td>GOVT 744 – Foundations of Security Studies</td>
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<td>GOVT 745 – International Security</td>
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*Choose one of the following courses:*
- PUBP 511 – Statistical Methods in Policy Analysis
- GOVT 511 – Problem Solving & Data Analysis I
- PUAD 511 - Problem Solving & Data Analysis I

*(Prerequisite: Passing grade on statistical screening exam)*

## Focus Area Requirements – 9 credits

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<td>Choose one course from the Managing Global Risks area: (found in the Advising Notes below)</td>
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<td>Choose one course from the Security Policy &amp; Processes area: (found in the Advising Notes below)</td>
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<td>Choose one course from the Regional &amp; Transnational Security Challenges area: (found in the Advising Notes below)</td>
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## Elective courses – 9 credits

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<td>(these may include Study Abroad programs, internships, or courses from any area below)</td>
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I-SEC PROGRAM CREDIT TOTAL: 39
I-SEC Advising Notes


Full-time vs. Part-time:
- Full-time students must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 credits (3 courses) per semester. Full-time I-SEC students typically complete the program in two academic years.
- Part-time students typically enroll in two courses per semester and complete the program in three academic years.

Statistical Methods Requirement:
- To enroll in 511, students must complete a statistics screening exam. Exams can be taken during a scheduled exam date or completed at the conclusion of the Statistics Workshop (optional). The screening exam can be taken multiple times. If you do not pass the first time, you are welcome to retake it on another test date or register for the workshop. There is no cost associated with the screening exam. For more information, please visit: schar.gmu.edu/511.

Study Abroad Opportunities:
- Any Schar-sponsored study abroad course may count as an elective.
- Unless prior written permission is obtained, students may apply only one study abroad course (3 credits) toward graduation.

Academic Requirements:
- Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average to graduate.
- Students may apply up to six credits of "C" toward graduation.
- A student is terminated from the Schar School if he receives a grade of "F" in a single course and/or a grade of "C" in nine or more credits.
- Students must complete all I-SEC requirements within six years of the date of initial enrollment as a degree-seeking student.

Selected Courses by Focus Area

Managing Global Risks (MGR)
- BIOD 610: Cyber Warfare Strategy/Policy
- PUBP 710: Special Topics in Public Policy - topics vary

Examples of approved 710 courses:
- Democratic Transitions and Democracy Promotion
- The Geopolitics of Energy Security
- Climate Change Policy and Governance
- Development and Peace Operations
- Dictatorship, Democracy, and Human Rights
- Intl. Migration, Global Governance & the Knowledge Economy

- PUBP 650: International Conflict/Crisis Response
- PUBP 654: Analysis for Peace Operations
- PUBP 655: State- and Institution- Building
- PUBP 714: Transportation Security
- PUBP 751: International Police Operations
- PUBP 777: Critical Infrastructure Protection
- GOVT 641: Global Governance
- GOVT 734: Democratization
- GOVT 739: Issues in Comparative and International Politics
- GOVT 741: Advanced Seminar in International Politics
- PUAD 631: Disaster Response Operations and Recovery
- PUAD 637: Managing Homeland Security

Regional and Transnational Security Challenges (RTSC)
- PUBP 710: Special Topics in Public Policy - topics vary

Examples of approved 710 courses:
- Transnational Crime
- Corruption and Public Policy
- Transnational Security Issues

- PUBP 758: Global Threat/Medical Policies
- PUBP 763: Illicit Trade
- PUBP 764: Human Trafficking and Smuggling
- PUBP 769: Political Violence and Terrorism
- BIOD 722: Examining Terrorist Groups
- BIOD 725: Terrorism and WMD
- BIOD 726: Agroterrorism and Food Security

- GOVT 530: Comparative Politics
- GOVT 631: Seminar in Comp. Politics/Institutions – topics vary
- GOVT 632: Politics/Societies of the Middle East
- GOVT 641: Global Governance
- GOVT 731: Advanced Seminar in Comp. Politics – topics vary

Examples of approved 731 courses:
- Politics in Syria
- Islam and Politics
- Democratization
- GOVT 741: Advanced Seminar in International Politics
- GOVT 743: International Political Economy
Security Policy and Processes (SP&P)
PUBP 653: Interagency Ops. in Conflict & Post-Conflict Settings
PUBP 710: Special Topics in Public Policy - topics vary
Examples of approved 710 courses:
- Ethics, the Constitution, and National Security
- European Security
- Foreign Intelligence in a Free Society
- Intelligence and Public Policy
- Intelligence and the Constitution
- Int’l Money Laundering, Corruption, and Terrorism
- Security and Intelligence Issues
- Net Assessment and Planning for National Security
- Civil-Military Relations
- Negotiation and Peacemaking
- Immigration Policy and Politics
- Espionage in Popular Culture & Literature
- National Security Policymaking: Theory v. Practice
- Information & Intelligence in Support of Smart Power
PUBP 740: U.S. Foreign Policy: Formulation and Practice
PUBP 743: National Security Management and Policy

PUBP 759: National Security Law and Public Policy
PUBP 765: Human Smuggling/Trafficking
PUBP 766: Modern Counterinsurgency: Theory and Practice
BIOD 609: Biodefense Strategy & Policy
BIOD 620: Global Health Security Policy
BIOD 705: Intelligence Theory and Practice
BIOD 706: Nuclear, Biological, and Chem. Weapons Policy
BIOD 709: Arms Control and Proliferation
BIOD 760: National Security Technology and Policy
BIOD 751: Biosurveillance
ITRN 701: Strategic Trade Controls
PUAD 504: Managing in the Intl. Arena: Theory and Practice
PUAD 520: Organization Theory and Management Behavior
PUAD 630: Emergency Planning and Preparedness
PUAD 636: The NGO: Policy and Management
PUAD 727: Seminar in Risk Assessment and Decision Making
GOVT 742: International Negotiation
GOVT 755: Seminar in Politics and Bureaucracy