Schar School of Policy
and Government

Master of Arts in International Security (I-SEC)

For students admitted **Fall 2019 to Present:**

Student Name: ______________________________ G#: ______________________________

**Prerequisite**
Date Stats Screening Exam Passed: ______________

**Elective Options 1 or 2 (see below)**

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### 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</td>
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<td>BIOD 760 – National Security Technology and Policy</td>
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<td>GOVT 745 – International Security</td>
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<td>POGO 511 – Introductory Data Analysis for Policy and Government</td>
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*(Prerequisite: Passing grade on statistical screening exam; For more information, please visit schar.gmu.edu/511)*

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### ELECTIVES TOTAL – 15 credits

*For electives, students select either Option 1 or Option 2. See details about each option below.*

**OPTION 1 – No concentration**

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<td>Choose one course from the National Security Policy &amp; Processes area: <em>(found in the Advising Notes below)</em></td>
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<td>Choose one course from the Regional &amp; Transnational Security Challenges area: <em>(found in the Advising Notes below)</em></td>
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OPTION 2: Concentration Areas Requirements

Pick one of the concentrations below - Select four courses of the 15 elective credits within the area of concentration:

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<th>Intelligence</th>
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Course # / Title
(see list of approved electives below in the Advising Notes section)

I-SEC PROGRAM CREDIT TOTAL: 36

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.
### Managing Global Risks (MGR)
- BIOD 610: Cyber Warfare Strategy/Policy
- PUBP 710/POGO 550/POGO 750: Special Topics in Public Policy

**Examples of approved 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

### Regional and Transnational Security Challenges (RTSC)
- PUBP 710/POGO 550/POGO 750: Special Topics in Public Policy

**Examples of approved courses:**
- Transnational Crime
- Corruption and Public Policy
- Transnational Security Issues
- MidEast: Sec Chlngs & US Respn

### Security Policy and Processes (SP&P)
- PUBP 653: Intergency Ops. in Conflict & Post-Conflict Settings
- PUBP 750/POGO 550/POGO 750: Special Topics in Public Policy

**Examples of approved 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

### Options 2 Elective: For Students Pursuing a Concentration

**Intelligence Primary Electives:**
- PUBP 710/POGO 550/POGO 750: Special Topics in Public Policy
  - Intelligence Analysis
  - Information, Intelligence and Smart Power
  - Intelligence and Public Policy
  - Foreign Intelligence in a Free Society

**Secondary/Optional Electives:**
- BIOD 722: Examining Terrorist Groups
- BIOD 725: Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction
- BIOD 751: Biosurveillance
- PUAD 727: Seminar in Risk Assessment and Decision Making
- PUBP 570: Policy Writing Fundamentals (Kauzlarich)
- PUBP 653: Interagency Operations in Conflict & Post Conflict Settings

- PUBP 754: Geographic Information Systems and Spatial Analysis for Public Policy
- PUBP 710/POGO 550/POGO 750: Special Topics in Public Policy

**Examples include:**
- Intelligence and the Constitution
- Security and Intelligence Issues
- Espionage in Popular Culture & Literature
- Information & Intelligence in Support of Smart Power
Primary Electives:
POGO 750: African Regional Security
GOVT 742: International Negotiation
PUBP 650: International Conflict and Crisis Response
PUBP 651: Peace and Stabilization Operations
PUBP 652: Strategies for Peace and Stabilization Operations
PUBP 751: International Police Operations

Secondary/Optional Electives:
PUBP 655: State- and Institution-Building
PUBP 710: Negotiations and Peacemaking
PUBP 710/POGO 550/POGO 750: Special Topics in Public Policy
Examples include:
- Development and Peace Operations
- Dictatorship, Democracy, and Human Rights
- Civil-Military Relations
- Immigration Policy and Politics

Transnational Challenges
Primary Electives:
BIOD 722: Examining Terrorist Groups
BIOD 726: Agroterrorism and Food Security
PUBP 763: Illicit Trade
PUBP 764: Transnational Crime and Corruption
PUBP 765: Human Smuggling and Trafficking

Secondary/Optional Electives:
PUBP 710/POGO 550/POGO 750: Special Topics in Public Policy
Examples of approved courses:
- Democratic Transitions and Democracy Promotion
- The Geopolitics of Energy Security
- Climate Change Policy and Governance
- Transnational Security Issues

Examples of approved 731 courses:
- Politics in Syria
- GOVT 733: Islam and Politics
- GOVT 743: International Political Economy
- PUBP 769: Political Violence and Terrorism
- BIOD 706: Nuclear, Biological, and Chem. Weapons Policy
- BIOD 709: Arms Control and Proliferation
- BIOD 725: Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction