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: __________________

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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<td>(Prerequisite: Passing grade on statistical screening exam; For more information, please visit schar.gmu.edu/511) OR, ITRN 501: Data Analysis for Global Political Economy (Prior knowledge in micro and macro economics preferred)</td>
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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

Pick a course from each focus area below and two general electives:

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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 National 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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OPTION 2: Concentration Areas Requirements

Pick one of the concentrations below. Select four courses of the five required within the area of concentration:

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<th>Intelligence</th>
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<td>(see list of approved electives below in the Advising Notes section)</td>
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I-SEC PROGRAM CREDIT TOTAL: 36

**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.

**Methods Requirement:**
ISEC students have two methods options to pick from when it comes to fulfilling their methods requirement. Those options are:

1. **POGO 511: Introductory Data Analysis for Policy and Government.** 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.

   **OR**

2. ITRN 501: Data Analysis for Global Political Economy. This option is ideal for students who have knowledge in international economics, or an interest in trade as a security issue, micro and macroeconomics.

**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.

**Option 1 Electives (For students not declaring a concentration):**

**Managing Global Risks (MGR)**

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<td>BIOD 610: Cyber Warfare Strategy/Policy</td>
<td>PUBP 654: Analysis for Peace Operations</td>
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<td>PUBP 710/POGO 550/POGO 750: Special Topics in Public Policy</td>
<td>PUBP 655: State- and Institution- Building</td>
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<td>Examples of approved courses:</td>
<td>PUBP 714: Transportation Security</td>
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<td>- Democratic Transitions and Democracy Promotion</td>
<td>PUBP 751: International Police Operations</td>
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<td>- The Geopolitics of Energy Security</td>
<td>PUBP 777: Critical Infrastructure Protection</td>
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<td>- Climate Change Policy and Governance</td>
<td>GOVT 734: Democratization</td>
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<td>- Development and Peace Operations</td>
<td>GOVT 739: Issues in Comparative and International Politics</td>
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<td>- Dictatorship, Democracy, and Human Rights</td>
<td>GOVT 741: Advanced Seminar in International Politics</td>
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<td>- Intl. Migration, Global Governance &amp; the Knowledge Economy</td>
<td>PUAD 631: Disaster Response Operations and Recovery</td>
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**Regional and Transnational Security Challenges (RTSC)**

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<td>PUBP 710/POGO 550/POGO 750: Special Topics in Public Policy</td>
<td>BIOD 725: Terrorism and WMD</td>
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<td>Examples of approved courses:</td>
<td>BIOD 726: Agroterrorism and Food Security</td>
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<td>- Transnational Crime</td>
<td>GOVT 530: Comparative Politics</td>
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<td>- Corruption and Public Policy</td>
<td>GOVT 631: Seminar in Comp. Politics/Institutions – topics vary</td>
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<td>- Transnational Security Issues</td>
<td>GOVT 632: Politics/Societies of the Middle East</td>
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<td>- MidEast: Sec Chlngs &amp; US Respn</td>
<td>GOVT 731: Advanced Seminar in Comp. Politics – topics vary</td>
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<td>PUBP 758: Global Threat/Medical Policies</td>
<td>Examples of approved 731 courses:</td>
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<td>PUBP 763: Illicit Trade</td>
<td>- Politics in Syria</td>
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<td>PUBP 764: Transnational Crime and Corruption</td>
<td>GOVT 733: Islam and Politics</td>
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<td>PUBP 765: Human Trafficking and Smuggling</td>
<td>GOVT 734: Democratization</td>
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<td>PUBP 769: Political Violence and Terrorism</td>
<td>GOVT 741: Advanced Seminar in International Politics</td>
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<td>BIOD 722: Examining Terrorist Groups</td>
<td>GOVT 743: International Political Economy</td>
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Security Policy and Processes (SP&P)

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
- Intl 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

Options 2 Electives (For Students Pursuing a Concentration)

Intelligence

Primary Electives:
- PUBP 710/POGO 550/POGO 750: Special Topics in Public Policy
- BIOD 751: Biosurveillance
- PUBP 653: Interagency Operations in Conflict & Post Conflict Settings

Secondary/Optional Electives:
- BIOD 772: Examining Terrorist Groups
- BIOD 725: Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction
- BIOD 751: Biosurveillance
- PUBP 657: Seminar in Risk Assessment and Decision Making
- PUBP 570: Policy Writing Fundamentals

Examples include:
- Intelligence Analysis
- Information, Intelligence and Smart Power
- Intelligence and Public Policy
- Foreign Intelligence in a Free Society

Peace Operations

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
- POGO 550/POGO 750: Special Topics in Public Policy
- BIOD 706: Nuclear, Biological, and Chem. Weapons
- BIOD 709: Arms Control and Proliferation
- BIOD 725: Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction

Examples of approved courses:
- Democratic Transitions and Democracy Promotion
- Transnational Security Issues
- The Geopolitics of Energy Security
- Climate Change Policy and Governance
- The Geopolitics of Energy Security
- Politics in Syria
- 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
- PUBP 504: Managing in the Intl. Arena: Theory and Practice
- PUBP 520: Organization Theory and Management Behavior
- PUBP 630: Emergency Planning and Preparedness
- PUBP 636: The NGO: Policy and Management
- PUBP 727: Seminar in Risk Assessment and Decision Making
- GOVT 742: International Negotiation
- GOVT 733: Islam and Politics
- GOVT 743: International Political Economy
- PUBP 769: Political Violence and Terrorism

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