



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

Course # / Title	Semester	✓
PUBP 504 – Grand Strategy or PUBP 771 – Grand Strategy (if taken prior to Fall 2017)		
PUBP 506 – Ethics and the Use of Force or PUBP 738 – Ethics and the Use of Force (if taken prior to Fall 2017)		
GOVT 540 – International Relations		
PUBP 505 - Politics and Practice of International Security Policy		
BIOD 760 – National Security Technology and Policy		
GOVT 745 – International Security		
POGO 511 – Introductory Data Analysis for Policy and Government <i>(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)</i>		

ELECTIVES TOTAL – 15 credits

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

OPTION 1 – No concentration

Course # / Title	Semester	✓
<i>Pick a course from each focus area below and two general electives:</i>		
Choose <u>one</u> course from the Managing Global Risks area: <i>(found in the Advising Notes below)</i>		
Choose <u>one</u> course from the National Security Policy & Processes area: <i>(found in the Advising Notes below)</i>		
Choose <u>one</u> course from the Regional & Transnational Security Challenges area: <i>(found in the Advising Notes below)</i>		
General Elective		
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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:*

<input type="checkbox"/> Intelligence	<input type="checkbox"/> Peace Operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Transnational Challenges	Course # / Title	Semester	✓
<i>(see list of approved electives below in the Advising Notes section)</i>					

I-SEC PROGRAM CREDIT TOTAL: 36

I-SEC Advising Notes

For registration assistance and PatriotWeb step-by-step instructions, consult the *Schar Students Guide to PatriotWeb*: <http://schar.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Students-Guide-to-PatriotWeb.pdf>

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)

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

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 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/POGO 550/POGO 750: Special Topics in Public Policy

Examples of approved courses:

- Transnational Crime
- Corruption and Public Policy
- Transnational Security Issues
- MidEast: Sec Chngs & US Respn

PUBP 758: Global Threat/Medical Policies

PUBP 763: Illicit Trade

PUBP 764: Transnational Crime and Corruption

PUBP 765: 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 731: Advanced Seminar in Comp. Politics – topics vary

Examples of approved 731 courses:

- Politics in Syria

GOVT 733: Islam and Politics

GOVT 734: 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/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

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

Options 2 Electives (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

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

Examples of approved courses:

- Democratic Transitions and Democracy Promotion

BIOD 706: Nuclear, Biological, and Chem. Weapons

BIOD 709: Arms Control and Proliferation

BIOD 725: Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction

- 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