

Master of Arts in International Security (I-SEC)

For students admitted **Fall 2021 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 (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)		

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 Choose five ISEC appropriate electives	Semester	✓

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-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)

- Electives may come from any Schar School program (BIOD, GOVT, ICP, MPP, MPA).
- Electives outside the Schar School must be approved prior to registration.
- Independent study (POGO 796), Study Abroad or internship (POGO 794) may be used for elective credit.

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

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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