INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY (ISFP)

Field Description
The POIR Program features a distinguished faculty in the fields of International Security and Foreign Policy (ISFP). Collectively they research a wide variety of issues pertaining to security broadly defined and focus on various security actors including both state and non-state actors. Our faculty’s interests reflect the growing interaction between security studies and foreign policy analysis as well as the broader intersection between international relations and comparative politics more generally.

We define security broadly, as economic and environmental as well as political/military, and as threats to individuals as well as to states. Our faculty employ a range of theoretical approaches for explaining these various security issues, including realism, liberalism and critical security studies. In addition to materialist, power-based explanations, some faculty explore the role of psychology, culture, gender, ethnicity and religion as forces contributing to security and insecurity. To this end our faculty use a variety of methodologies including archival and field research, quantitative analysis, case studies, foreign policy analysis, and diplomacy studies. Faculty publications appear in leading peer-reviewed journals.

Given the multi-disciplinary nature of their research, the ISFP faculty stands ready to work with a wide range of students. Our faculty members are aware of the changing nature of the International Relations discipline in light of globalization, the role of non-state actors, the importance of international law and norms, regional integration and transnational interactions. These factors impact foreign policy choices and national and international security policies in new and challenging ways.

Core Faculty
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Field Requirements
Three to four courses are required for the ISFP field, depending on whether or not it is an examined field. The first is the graduate seminar in IR Theory (POIR 660). Students then may take the basic seminar in foreign policy and international security (POIR 680). The third and fourth seminars must be from the approved list.
Courses in International Security and Foreign Policy (See Appendix table for the last time each course was taught)

POIR 660: Introduction to International Relations Theory (Required)
POIR 661: Advance Theory
POIR 662: Norms in International Relations
POIR 680: International Security and Foreign Policy (Required)
IR 502: International Security
IR 503: Theories of Diplomacy
IR 508: Conflict Analysis and Peace Research
IR 509: Culture, Gender & Global Society
IR 521: Foreign Policy Analysis
IR 522: United States Diplomacy since 1945: Issues and Decisions
IR 524: Formulation of U.S. Foreign Policy
IR 525: State and Society in International Relations
IR 531: Strategy and Arms Control
IR 534: East Asian Security Issues
IR 539: Seminar in International Politics – Conflict Processes
IR 540: Seminar in International Politics – Religion and Conflict
IR 556: Latin America and American Foreign Policy
IR 557: Africa and US Foreign Policy
IR 558: European Foreign Security Policy
IR 561: Japanese Foreign Policy and International Relations of East Asia
IR 563: Chinese Foreign Policy
IR 581: International Relations of the Middle East
IR 599: International Politics and Security in Historical Perspectives

Field Qualifying Exam and Reading List
There will be no field reading list. Instead, each student will be examined on the basis of the reading material assigned in seminars from this field.

Language Requirement
This is at the discretion of the student’s advisor in consultation with the Program Director and other members of the field. The key criterion is the anticipated methodological profile of the dissertation.