

# SECURITY AND CONFLICT STUDIES

Department of Political Science and International Affairs (<https://cas.umw.edu/polisci/>)

The minor in Security and Conflict Studies is designed to provide students with a foundation in the contemporary study of security and conflict in the world today. Students will learn and apply analytical frameworks that facilitate the selection of optimal policies for solving security and conflict problems. Students will also be exposed to and utilize frameworks that aide in the comprehension of unfolding events in security and conflict. Finally, students will learn about specific issues in security and conflict. Coursework covers topics encompassing the historical (e.g., the origins of World War II) to the contemporary (cyber warfare) and the conventional (threats to territorial integrity) to the cutting edge (disease as a security issue). Students completing the minor will be well equipped for graduate level inquiry and/or relevant careers in government or the private sector.

## Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
PSCI 387	Security and Conflict Studies	3
Select 12 credits of the following with at least one course from each discipline: <sup>1</sup>		12
<b>History</b>		
HIST 371	European Diplomatic History I	
HIST 372	European Diplomatic History II	
HIST 375	Military History	
HIST 377A	The Second World War 1939-1945	
HIST 385	Arab-Israeli Conflict	
HIST 390A	The United States and Vietnam	
HIST 420	The Great War, 1914-1918	
<b>Political Science</b>		
PSCI 315	Alliance Politics	
PSCI 321A	Theories of International Relations	
PSCI 324	U.S. - Latin American Relations	
PSCI 354A	Politics of South Asia	
PSCI 355	Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	
PSCI 356	American Foreign Policy	
PSCI 357A	Russian Foreign Policy	
PSCI 360	Theory and Practice of Revolution	
PSCI 367	East Asia in World Affairs	
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 485	Historical Research	
INAF 491	Individual Study	
PSCI 491	Individual Study in Political Science	
Three credit senior thesis on an aspect of security and conflict studies directed by a member of the core faculty. <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> Other courses (e.g., "special topics" courses) in security and conflict studies may count as electives with the approval of the Minor Program Director. A relevant three-credit internship may count as an elective with the approval of the Minor Program Director.

<sup>2</sup> Thesis topic must be approved by the Minor Program Director.

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