

Security and International Studies Program (SISP)

Purpose of the Program

The Security and International Studies Program aims to equip the students with the academic and practical skills necessary for understanding and solving security and foreign policy issues. Graduates of this program is expected to become leading security and foreign policy specialists and practitioners in governmental/nongovernmental/international organizations, research institutions, universities, and other relevant entities.

Diploma Policy

This program confers a degree in international relations (Ph.D. in International Relations) on students who: have been enrolled for the designated number of years; have acquired the designated number of credits based on the curriculum of the program; have passed the Qualifying Examination; and have written and defended successfully their doctoral dissertation.

In this program, students should acquire the following qualities and abilities:

1. The basic knowledge and skills necessary to understand security and international affairs
2. The ability to conduct in-depth research on historical and contemporary security and foreign policy matters
3. The ability to conduct policy analysis and provide practical recommendations based on the acquired analytical tools
4. The ability to professionally teach security and international affairs
5. The ability to professionally engage in academic and policy debates and act as a leader in the field to play an active role as a balanced leader

Curriculum Policy

【Basic Policy】

The students will conduct in-depth research on historical and contemporary security and foreign policy matters, and engage in theoretical and policy

debates with classmates, program faculty members and outside specialists. Field trips are another important means of enhancing the student's understanding of the subject matter.

【Structure of the Curriculum】

Courses and seminars are conducted in English.

In the first year, the students are required to undertake coursework and earn a minimum of 14 credits from theoretical courses, regional courses, policy courses and paper writing courses.

By the end of the first year, the students are expected to pass three Written Qualifying Examinations, submit a dissertation proposal, and pass the Oral Qualifying Examination (the doctoral dissertation prospectus defense). After completing all four Qualifying Examinations, students can start writing their dissertation while taking courses where necessary.

(Required Courses)

In the core courses, students study dissertation seminar. Security and International Studies program faculty members and students meet to discuss dissertation proposals (and draft dissertation).

(Elective Courses)

Elective courses focus on subjects related to security and international relations so that students can learn subjects related to their areas of interest. In consultation with their main advisor, students will select courses that match their research themes and deepen their knowledge of the writing of their dissertation thesis.

Students are required to take courses to acquire a basic knowledge of security and international relations from theoretical courses, regional courses, policy courses and general subjects. Also, by taking courses and workshops of academic ethics education for writing papers, students can enhance academic English writing for writing papers. "

【Policies on Education and Study Methods】

Of the 14 credits required to complete this program, at least 2 credits is in seminar-style.

Students will conduct in-depth research on historical and contemporary security and foreign policy matters, and engage in theoretical and policy debates with classmates, program faculty members and outside specialists. Besides seminars, most of the lectures are conducted in small groups. Therefore, students are required to actively join discussion in lecture and theoretically integrate their practical experience and knowledge with new knowledge. There are also joint courses which open to all program students (both Doctor's and Master's programs). By collaborating with other program students, students learn from each other, debate opinion from different aspects of concentration, and enhance their knowledge.

【Assessment Policy】

In the assessment of academic achievement in each course, students are relatively evaluated for their knowledge acquisition and understanding and practical skills in principle, considering their attendance, contribution to the class, scores of examinations, submitted reports, etc., and their overall ability is evaluated through the writing of papers for specific research subjects. the assessment of academic achievement in each subject, students are relatively evaluated for their knowledge acquisition and understanding and practical skills in principle, considering their attendance, contribution to the class, scores of examinations, submitted reports, etc., and their overall ability is evaluated through the writing of papers for specific research subjects.

Admissions Policy

Target Students

The program will welcome applicants with a master's degree in social sciences, especially international relations, politics, economics, or law. We would also welcome master's degree holders with practical experience and expertise. In this context, government officials, military officers, researchers, and journalists with relevant work and academic experience would be particularly welcome.

Prior to admission, graduate level expertise in one of the following fields is required: social sciences, international relations, politics, economics or law. Practical experience and expertise in the relevant field is preferable.

Evaluation methods and Standards

[Screening by documents]

We will conduct an examination based on the application documents.

The screening process will consider various aspects of applicants such as; a comprehensive evaluation of past work experiences, evaluations by their 2 references, university (Faculty) degrees, study content and grades, originality of research plans and relevance to real policy issues, how concrete their awareness of issues, content of master's theses, their English proficiency in their writing papers and etc.

[Interview]

We will have a video interview. At the interview, applicants will be asked to answer the questions and the criteria for screening will include the applicant's logic, accuracy, sense of purpose for policy issues, willingness to study, clarity of their career plans after graduation, and English communication abilities.

Curriculum Map: Security and International Studies Program (SISP)

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Category	Elective or Core	Course No.	Course Name	1. The basic knowledge and skills necessary to understand security and international affairs	2. The ability to conduct in-depth research on historical and contemporary security and foreign policy matters	3. The ability to conduct policy analysis and provide practical recommendations based on the acquired analytical tools	4. The ability to professionally teach security and international affairs	5. The ability to professionally engage in academic and policy debates and act as a leader in the field
I Theoretical courses	Elective	GOV6210E	International Political Economy Workshop		○	○	○	○
		GOV6220E	Strategic Studies Research Seminar		○	○	○	○
		GOV7201EA	Advanced International Relations	○	○			
		GOV7201EB	Advanced International Relations	○	○			
		GOV7241E	Advanced International Security Studies	○	○			
		GOV7311E	Comparative Politics	○	○			
		GOV8221E	Politics of Global Money and Finance (Advanced)	○	○			
II Regional Courses	Elective	GOV6460E	Advanced International Relations in East Asia	○	○			
		GOV6451E	Diplomatic History of Modern Japan (Advanced)	○	○			
		GOV7231E	Politics and Diplomacy in Postwar Japan	○	○			
		GOV7251E	Advanced Chinese Foreign Policy	○	○			
		GOV7271E	Advanced American Foreign Policy	○	○			
		GOV8111E	Advanced Political Economy of Modern Japan	○	○			
		GOV8311E	Advanced Comparative Political Economy	○	○			
		GOV8401E	Advanced International Relations in Europe	○	○			
III Policy courses	Elective	GOV7281E	Military Operations, Strategy, and Policy (Advanced)		○	○		
		GOV8241E	Non-Traditional Security (Advanced)	○	○	○		
		GOV8631E	Advanced Development Cooperation Policy	○	○			
IV General Subjects	Elective	Courses not listed in this table, admitted by the Advisory Committee		○	○	○	○	○
V Paper Writing	Core	GOV7000E	Security and International Studies Dissertatioin Seminar		○	○	○	○
X Others			Courses offered by the Center for Professional Communication		○	○		○