

International Security and Conflict Resolution

In the College of Arts and Letters,
the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts, and
the College of Sciences

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The international security and conflict resolution (ISCOR) major at San Diego State University is an innovative interdisciplinary program designed to provide students with a sophisticated understanding of the political, moral, socioeconomic, and cultural dimensions of global conflict. Its interests extend well beyond conventional international security issues to encompass the broader analysis of global affairs. ISCOR exposes students to a multiplicity of ideological, regional, and cultural perspectives. Students will attain a comprehensive and multifaceted understanding of global affairs and the challenges to building a more peaceful, just, and ecologically sustainable global order. ISCOR students will develop a rich appreciation of both increased global interconnections (sometimes known as globalization) and enduring diversity in cultural practices, political systems, and economic systems. Students will also sharpen their skills in research and critical reasoning and develop expertise in specific global issues. Upon graduation, ISCOR students will be well positioned for advanced studies or for embarking upon careers in positions related to global affairs.

The ISCOR program features three specializations: cooperation, conflict, and conflict resolution; environment and security; and justice in the global system. All students are expected to study abroad and given the option of doing an internship or senior thesis.

Faculty

ISCOR Program Director and Undergraduate Advisers: G. Allen Greb (International Security and Conflict Resolution),
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Offered by International Security and Conflict Resolution

Major in international security and conflict resolution with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Minor in international security and conflict resolution.

The Major

International security and conflict resolution is an interdisciplinary program leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts and sciences. The program integrates coursework from natural sciences, social and behavioral sciences, and humanities.

In order to provide breadth and depth for the courses of study, all students are required to complete a set of core courses addressing the major themes of the development of global systems and the nature of conflict and conflict resolution. In addition, all students must select an integrated set of courses from different disciplines focused on an area of specialization in cooperation, conflict, and conflict resolution; environment and security; or in justice in the global system.

Advising

Students are required to meet with the undergraduate adviser in order to declare the major. All students admitted to the university with a declared major in international security and conflict resolution are urged to meet with the undergraduate adviser during their first semester.

Impacted Program

The international security and conflict resolution (ISCOR) major is an impacted program. To be admitted to the international security and conflict resolution (ISCOR) major, students must meet the following criteria:

- Complete preparation for the major;
- Complete a minimum of 60 transferable semester units;
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs website was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

International Security and Conflict Resolution Major

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences (Major Code: 22103)

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements." Individual master plans for each student are filed with the ISCOR undergraduate adviser.

A minor is not required with this major.

It is strongly recommended that international security and conflict resolution majors consider either a minor or a second major in a foreign language. In addition, international security and conflict resolution majors may wish to obtain language certification in a foreign language. Many career positions related to an international security and conflict resolution major will require demonstrated competency in a foreign language.

It is also recommended that international security and conflict resolution majors consider a minor in an area studies program, e.g., African Studies, Asian Studies, European Studies, Islamic and Arabic Studies, or Latin American Studies. Many career positions related to an international security and conflict resolution major will require a strong background in a particular region and/or culture. The program also requires at least one preapproved study abroad experience.

Study Abroad Requirement. All international security and conflict resolution majors are required to complete a study abroad experience. To meet this requirement, majors must complete one of the following with the preapproved and written consent of the undergraduate adviser:

1. A CSU Study Abroad Program;
2. An SDSU Exchange Program;
3. An SDSU Semester Abroad Program;
4. An SDSU Study Travel Program;
5. An international security and conflict resolution internship abroad, independent study abroad, or thesis abroad;
6. International Security and Conflict Resolution 450.

See the undergraduate adviser to make arrangements to meet the study abroad requirement.

Preparation for the Major. (27 units) International Security and Conflict Resolution 200; Economics 101, 102; History 101; Political Science 103; Religious Studies 101; and three units from each of the following groups:

1. Anthropology 102 or Geography 102;
2. Comparative Literature 270B, History 100, or Philosophy 101;
3. Economics 201, Political Science 201, Psychology 280, Sociology 201, Statistics 119 or 250.

Recommended for General Education in Foundations of Learning, Life Sciences: Biology 100 or 101; Physical Sciences: Chemistry 100 or Geography 101.

Language Requirement. A minimum competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirement (excluding American Sign Language). Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Placement Assessment with a score of 10 or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 36 upper division units to include 15 units in International Security and Conflict Resolution 300, 301, 310, either 495 or 497, Political Science 375; six units selected from International Security and Conflict Resolution 320, 324, 421 (students specializing in justice in the global system must select International Security and Conflict Resolution 324); and 15 units from one of the three specializations: cooperation, conflict, and conflict resolution; environment and security; or justice in the global system.

Master Plan. A master plan of the courses taken to fulfill the major must be approved by the undergraduate adviser.

Specialization in Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution (SIMS Code: 113803)

This specialization is concerned with exploring the causes, nature, consequences, management, and resolution of conflict. It will consider the psychology, sociology, economics, politics and history of cooperation, conflict and conflict resolution. It will address issues of war and peace, nationalism, civil war, terrorism, human rights, and ethnic hostility as they impact international security.

Requirements for specialization. A minimum of 15 units to include six units selected from International Security and Conflict Resolution 421, Communication 371**, Philosophy 340, Political Science 370; and nine units selected from courses listed above or from Anthropology 350**, 533*, Chicana and Chicano Studies 355 [or Latin American Studies 355], Communication 555*, Economics 360, 561*, History 486, 516, 567, 574, Political Science 361, 363, 364, 380, 393, 430 [or Latin American Studies 430], 478, 479, 485, 555, 577, Religious Studies 379, Sociology 433*, 457*, Women's Studies 310, 375. International Security and Conflict Resolution 450* can be substituted for a maximum of one three unit course in this specialization with the approval and written consent of the undergraduate adviser.

Specialization in Environment and Security (SIMS Code: 113804)

Issues related to the environment and the utilization of energy and natural resources are important aspects of international security and often are related to cooperation and conflict between nations and groups within states. The purpose of this specialization is to provide the student with the necessary background to better understand this aspect of international security and the management and resolution of conflict.

Requirements for specialization. A minimum of 15 units to include nine units selected from Biology 315; Economics 456; Environmental Science 301; Geography 370; Political Science 334 [or Sustainability 334], 564; Public Health 362; Sociology 350**; and six units selected from courses listed above or from Biology 324, 354*; Economics 455, 489; Geography 570*, 574*; History 441; Philosophy 329, 332 [or Sustainability 332]; Public Health 304*. International Security and Conflict Resolution 450* can be substituted for a maximum of one three unit course in this specialization with the approval and written consent of the undergraduate adviser.

Specialization in Justice in the Global System (SIMS Code: 113805)

This specialization explores political, economic, and social issues relating to global justice. It includes the study of international organizations and law, human rights, North-South relations, and controversies over distribution of resources. This specialization enables students to have a richer understanding of the dynamics concerning international security and conflict resolution.

Requirements for specialization. A minimum of 15 units to include nine units selected from History 440, Philosophy 340, 344, Political Science 302, 380, 485, Sociology 450*; and six units selected from courses listed above or from Africana Studies 472, Economics 360, 365, 561*, Health and Human Services 350, History 516, Political Science 334 [or Sustainability 334], 406, 430 [or Latin American Studies 430], 507, 565, 577, Public Health 362, Religious Studies 379, Sociology 433* 457*, Women's Studies 310, 530, 580, 581. International Security and Conflict Resolution 450* can be substituted for a maximum of one three unit course in this specialization with the approval and written consent of the undergraduate adviser.

+ Course requires prerequisites other than those listed above.

++ Additional prerequisites other than those listed above may be required depending upon lower division courses taken for preparation for major (and/or for General Education).

International Security and Conflict Resolution Minor

(SIMS Code: 113801)

The minor in international security and conflict resolution consists of a minimum of 18 units, with 15 units selected from International Security and Conflict Resolution 300, 301, 310, 320, 324, 421, Political Science 375, and three units selected from Anthropology 102, Economics 101, Geography 102, History 101, Political Science 103, or Religious Studies 101.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

Study Abroad Requirement. All international security and conflict resolution minors are required to complete a study abroad experience.

To meet the study abroad requirement, minors must complete one of the following with the preapproved and written consent of the undergraduate adviser:

1. A CSU Study Abroad Program;
2. An SDSU Exchange Program;
3. An SDSU Study Abroad Program;
4. An SDSU Study Travel Program;
5. International Security and Conflict Resolution 450.

See the undergraduate adviser to make arrangements to meet the study abroad requirement.

Courses (ISCOR)

Refer to Courses and Curricula and University Policies sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

LOWER DIVISION COURSE

ISCOR 200. International Security and Conflict Resolution (3)

Comprehensive picture of multidisciplinary international and conflict resolution (ISCOR) program.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

ISCOR 300. Global Systems (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Nine units of General Education requirements in Foundations of Learning, to include three units each in Natural Sciences and Quantitative Reasoning, in Social and Behavioral Sciences, and in Humanities.

Evolution and development of global systems, characteristics of contemporary and global systems and formulation of criteria for projecting the future of the systems.

ISCOR 301. Conflict and Conflict Resolution (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Nine units of General Education requirements in Foundations of Learning, to include three units each in Natural Sciences and Quantitative Reasoning, in Social and Behavioral Sciences, and in Humanities.

Conflict resolution as an emerging field; theories of conflict; methods and implications of conflict management including group, institutional, and international level analysis.

ISCOR 310. Our Global Future: Values for Survival (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.B. Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Identifies resource and social crises toward which contemporary American values are leading, examines the nature of human action; contrasts other value systems with ours; considers origins of our values and the individual's potential for changing them. Interdisciplinary.

ISCOR 320. International Security in the Nuclear Age (3) [GE]

Prerequisites: Upper division standing. Nine units of General Education requirements in Foundations of Learning, to include three units each in Natural Sciences and Quantitative Reasoning, in Social and Behavioral Sciences, and in Humanities.

International security issues from historical, ethical, economic and sociopsychological perspectives, including the security environment after the Cold War and current sources of conflict. The proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons is discussed.

ISCOR 324. Politics of Global Resistance and Solidarity (3) [GE]

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.B., Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Global resistance movements that appreciates diversity in thought, experiences, and motivations. Theories of transnational activism, radical political thought, and international relations.

ISCOR 421. Alternative Dispute Resolution: Theory and International Applications (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing.

Theory of collaborative negotiation and mediation, practice of negotiation and mediation skills and techniques, and focus on personal styles of mediation and collaborative negotiating. Emphasis on resolving conflicts on the international level.

ISCOR 450. Study Abroad in International Security and Conflict Resolution (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing. *Class Schedule* may have other prerequisites.

Selected topics in international security and conflict resolution. Course taught abroad. Potential additional prerequisites and location of course and organizational meetings. May be repeated once with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Maximum credit six units.

ISCOR 495. Internship in International Security and Conflict Resolution (3)

Prerequisites: Senior standing. Nine units of international security and conflict resolution core courses and nine units in selected specialization. Consent of instructor.

Supervised internship of 150 hours in government or nongovernmental agency, office or business in an area directly related to international security and conflict resolution.

ISCOR 496. Selected Topics in International Security and Conflict Resolution (1-3)

Selected topics in international security and conflict resolution. May be repeated with new content. See *Class Schedule* for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

ISCOR 497. Thesis in International Security and Conflict Resolution (3)

Prerequisites: Senior standing. Nine units of international security and conflict resolution core courses and nine units in selected specialization. Consent of instructor.

An original and comprehensive written description and analysis of a problem or problem area in international security and conflict resolution.

ISCOR 499. Special Study (1-3)

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor. Six units of international security and conflict resolution core courses and six units in specialization.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

Emphasis in Islamic and Arabic Studies

Refer to "Social Science" in this section of the catalog.