

TC4: INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

The causes and consequences of war and the conditions for peace lie at the heart of the interdisciplinary study of international relations. The International Security concentration examines the use, threat, and control of force in international politics, as well as the strategies available to international actors as they seek to promote their autonomy, security, and other interests. It necessarily encompasses the ethical, cultural, philosophical, historical, and economic implications of the use of force, as well as the trade-offs that states make between short-term and long-term security imperatives.

Requirements

In addition to the 5 Core Requirements and the IR Language Requirement, students must take a total of 7 courses to complete their Thematic Concentration. No more than 3 of the 7 courses may be an introductory level course (marked with *).

TC4 Requirements are as follows:

- **2 social science courses**
- **1 history course**
- **1 culture course** - Students in TC4 may fulfill the Culture requirement by taking one of the following:
 - A Culture course approved for their TC; or
 - A Culture course approved for the language used to fulfill their IR language requirement. See the [Courses](#) page for a list of approved Culture courses by language.Students fully exempt from the IR language requirement (i.e. native speakers with proof of 8th semester language proficiency on their transcript) have the additional option of taking any Culture course from any language on the approved courses list (see the [Courses](#) page for a list of approved Culture courses by language).
- **1 course on the role of the U.S. in the world** (Note: Students in TC4 may alternatively choose any course from the U.S. Role course listing located on the [Courses](#) page to fulfill the U.S. Role requirement.)
- **1 research methods course** (See the [Courses](#) page for a list of approved courses.)
- **1 capstone course** (A capstone course may be an upper level seminar course, senior honors thesis, or directed research. See the [Capstone](#) page for more information.)

NOTE: It is possible that a **single course may satisfy more than one concentration requirement**. For example, *SOC 120 Sociology of War and Peace* satisfies both the social science and U.S. role requirements. **If students complete the above requirements with fewer than 7 courses**, they can choose any additional courses from the concentration to reach the required 7 total courses.

Frequently Asked Questions

- If a course is approved for both a Core and TC4, can I double count it? **NO**
- If a course is approved for both my TC4 culture requirement and one of my IR language semesters, can I double count it? **NO**

Historical Course Listing

The course listing below is comprised of all the TC4 courses offered over the last 4 years. **For the most up-to-date and current info, view course offerings by semester via the [Courses](#) page.** In addition, course ID #'s, titles, and prerequisites often change from semester to semester so check SIS or individual departments for the most up-to-date info. If you have any question about whether or not a course counts for your concentration, please contact the IR office.

TC4: International Security Course Listing (Fall 2015-Present)

Course ID #	Course Title	Approved for TC4 as follows:
ARB157/ILVS157	War and Cultural Memory in Literature and Cinema of the Middle East (in English)	Culture
ENV152	Environmental Negotiations	Social Science
EOS002	Environmental Geology	Social Science
EOS051/151	Global Climate Change	Social Science
EXP079-F (Fall 2019 only)	EPIIC: Preventing Genocide and Mass Atrocities (Note: EPIIC fall courses are evaluated on a year-by-year, topic-by-topic basis; thus, the Fall19/TC4-specific approval has no bearing on, or meaning for, future topics. See the IR course announcement each spring for information regarding the status of EPIIC for the following fall.)	History, Social Science
HIST001	International Relations: The Historical Perspective	History
HIST002	Globalization	History
HIST014/AFR014	Historical Perspectives on Contemporary Crises in Africa since 1850	History
HIST028	US Foreign Relations to 1900	US Role, History
HIST029	US Foreign Relations since 1900	History, US Role
HIST053	Europe to 1815	History, Culture
HIST054	Europe Since 1815	History, Culture
HIST059	Continent in Conflict: Europe 1914-2000	History
HIST062	Reform & Revolution: Late Imperial Russia & the Soviet Union	History
HIST065	Great Britain and the British Empire	History
HIST070	Middle East to World War I	History
HIST071	Middle East and North Africa since World War I	History
HIST082	History of Human Rights in Latin America	History
HIST090	Foundation Seminar: The Great Crisis	History, Research Methods
HIST101/CLS108	Seminar: Alexander the Great	History, Seminar, Culture
HIST109	Decolonization: Race, Empire, Archive	History
HIST166	History of Afghanistan	History
HIST175	Seminar: Islam and the West	History, Seminar, Culture, Social Science, Research Methods
HIST177	History of Chemical Warfare in the Middle East	History, Social Science
HIST190	Seminar: Cold War	History, Seminar
HIST190-50	Seminar: The Global 1930s	History, Seminar
HIST196	Seminar: First World War and Its Legacy	History, Seminar
HIST197	Seminar: Islamism and Reform in the Contemporary Middle East and North Africa	History, Seminar
HIST209/DHP H261	Seminar: War and Society in the Middle East in Historical Perspective	History, Seminar
INTR081-03	Seminar: Europe's Strategic Choices	Social Science, Seminar
INTR082-03	Seminar: Statecraft: 20th Century Diplomacy	Social Science, History, Seminar
PHIL045	War and Terrorism	Culture

Course ID #	Course Title	Approved for TC4 as follows:
PHIL141/PJS141	Global Justice	Social Science
PJS001	Introduction to Peace & Justice Study	Social Science
PJS150-08	Seminar: Peace Implementation in Bosnia	Social Science, Culture, Seminar
PJS190	Seminar: Integrative Seminar on Peace, Justice, and Social Change (dept consent required)	Seminar
PS039	Mitigating Electoral Violence in Africa	Social Science
PS125	Building the European Union	Social Science
PS138-02	Policing in the US and Europe	Social Science
PS138-02	Political Violence in State and Society	Social Science
PS138-03	Politics of Oil and Energy	Social Science
PS139-01	Seminar: States, Nations, and the Politics of Citizenship Rules	Social Science, Seminar
PS142	Ethics and International Relations	Social Science
PS145	Seminar: Political Thought of Machiavelli	Seminar, Social Science, Culture
PS151	Seminar: Political Philosophy of Hobbes	Social Science, Culture, Seminar
PS158-01	Origins of Modern Republicanism	Culture
PS158-01	Rise and Decay of the West	Social Science, Culture
PS160	Force, Strategy and Arms Control	Social Science, Research Methods, US Role
PS165	US Foreign Policy	Social Science, US Role
PS166	Seminar: Causes of Modern Interstate War	Seminar, Social Science, Research Methods
PS167	Studies of War and Empire	Social Science
PS168	International Law	Social Science
PS170	Understanding Civil Wars: Internal Wars and International Responses	Social Science
PS172	US Foreign Policy in the Middle East	Social Science, US Role
PS176	Migration, Refugees, and Citizenship in a Globalized World	Social Science, US Role
PS184	Seminar: Better Than the Truth: Extrafactual Information in International Politics	Social Science, Seminar
PS185	Seminar: Nuclear Weapons in International Politics	Social Science, US Role, Seminar
PS187	Intelligence and National Security	Social Science, US Role
PS188-01	Seminar: Freedom of Religion, Conscience and Belief - America's Role in Defending the First Freedom Abroad	Social Science, US Role, Seminar
PS188-01	Gender Issues in World Politics	Social Science
PS188-01	The Causes and Consequences of Foreign Military Intervention	Social Science
PS188-01	Human Rights and American Foreign Policy	Social Science, US Role
PS188-02	Chinese Foreign Policy	Social Science
PS188-02	War, Film, and Politics	Culture
PS188-03	What is Grand Strategy	US Role
PS188-03	Political Foundations of Economic Prosperity	Social Science
PS188-03	US Foreign Policy toward Asia	Social Science, US Role

Course ID #	Course Title	Approved for TC4 as follows:
PS188-03/COMP050-02	Cybersecurity and Cyberwar	Social Science
PS188-05/ELS194	Peace Through Entrepreneurship	Social Science
PS188-05/INTR092	Conducting Research in International Politics	Research Methods, Social Science
PS188-22	EU Foreign Policy	Social Science, US Role
PS188-25	Human Rights and Democracy Promotion from Woodrow Wilson to Barak Obama, 1913-2015	Social Science, US Role
PS188-26	Europe's Role in World Politics	Social Science
PS188-26	Criminal Groups - International Security Threats in a Global Environment	Social Science
PS189	Seminar: International Relations of East Asia	Social Science, US Role, Seminar
PS189/WGSS185-04	Seminar: The Pursuit of Gender Equality in US Foreign Policy	Social Science, Seminar
PS189-01	Seminar: Turkish Foreign Policy	Social Science, Seminar
PS189-02	Seminar: World Wars and Nation States	Social Science, US Role, Seminar
PS189-03	Seminar: American Primacy	Seminar, US Role, Social Science
PS189-06	Seminar: Origins of Human Rights and Democracy Promotion in American Foreign Policy	Social Science, Seminar
REL152/REL194	Islam & Modernity (register REL194 for seminar level)	Culture, Seminar (at 194 level)
RUS075/ILVS083/PJS075	War Stories (in English)	Culture
RUS078/ILVS088	Warrior Nations: Russia & US (in English)	Culture, US Role
SOC120	Sociology of War and Peace	Social Science, US Role
SOC181	Seminar: War, Peace, State and Society	Social Science, Seminar
UEP130/PJS131	Negotiation, Mediation & Conflict Resolution	Social Science