

Military Strategy and International Relations, Minor

The Minor in Military Strategy and International Relations

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Overview

Sponsored by the Carnegie Mellon Institute for Strategy and Technology (CMIST) (<https://www.cmu.edu/cmist/>), the minor in Military Strategy and International Relations offers Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) undergraduates a course of study focusing on military strategy and the current national security landscape, including how cybersecurity and artificial intelligence influence national security decision making, and the full range of strategic challenges facing future American leaders.

While the minor is open to all CMU undergraduates, it is particularly appropriate for CMU students embarking on the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program as well as those interested in pursuing defense-related careers. CMU typically has several dozen ROTC students annually, spread throughout the university, along with many others who are interested in defense and strategy issues. Many students major in STEM fields, where they learn valuable technical skills but are exposed to little of the wider strategic context facing military leaders and decision-makers, or to the political and institutional frameworks in which they operate. This minor is designed to complement other disciplines and fill that gap.

In short, the Military Strategy and International Relations minor offers future military and defense leaders insight into the national and international strategic challenges they will navigate in the future.

The Military Strategy and International Relations minor teaches future leaders how diplomacy, information, economics, development, and defense intersect. It engages students in the whys and hows of national strategy, military planning, and the future of warfare. In addition, the minor emphasizes the political, legal, and institutional systems that shape military affairs, with core courses on the topics of civil-military relations, military strategy, governance, diplomacy, and policy decision-making. Finally, the minor stresses the use of cutting-edge analytical and social science methods to prepare students for advanced training, study, and government or military service in national and international security.

Curriculum

Students may double count a maximum of two courses (18 units) with another major or minor. Unlimited double counting is permitted with general education requirements.

Minor in Military Strategy and International Relations 63 units

Core Courses 27 units

Students must take the following core courses (27 units):

Military Strategy		
84-328	Military Strategy and Doctrine	9
Governance		
84-319	Civil-Military Relations	9
Diplomacy (select one)		
84-280	Popcorn and Politics: American Foreign Policy at the Movies	12
84-325	Contemporary American Foreign Policy	9
84-362	Diplomacy and Statecraft	9

Electives 36 units

Students must complete a total of 36 units (typically four courses) from the following list of courses. At least 18 units (typically two course) must

be taken from the Carnegie Mellon Institute for Strategy and Technology (CMIST) and have an 84-number.

Electives		
84-104	Decision Processes in American Political Institutions	9
84-120	Introduction to US Constitutional Law	9
84-200	Security War Game Simulation	3
84-226	International Relations	9
84-274	An Introduction to Technology and War	9
84-275	Comparative Politics	9
84-280	Popcorn and Politics: American Foreign Policy at the Movies	12
84-303	International Human Rights	6
84-304	Analysis of Current US National Security Priorities	6
84-309	American Political Divides and Great Debates	9
84-312	Terrorism in Sub-Saharan Africa	6
84-318	Politics of Developing Nations	9
84-322	Nonviolent Conflict and Revolution	9
84-323	War and Peace in the Contemporary Middle East	9
84-324	The Future of Democracy	9
84-325	Contemporary American Foreign Policy *	9
84-329	Asian Strategies	6
84-330	Race for the Future: US-China Tech Competition	6
84-331	Technology, Law, and Democracy	6
84-333	Law of US Democracy	9
84-341	Transnational Criminal Networks & International Security	6
84-343	Offensive Cyber: Law & Policy	6
84-345	Hackers, the Law, & Policy Responses	6
84-347	Congress & National Security	9
84-349	Digital Diplomacy: Cybersecurity Challenges and Global Governance	9
84-350	A Strategist's Introduction to Artificial Intelligence	9
84-353	US-China Strategic Stability	6
84-362	Diplomacy and Statecraft	9
84-363	Click. Hack. Rule: Understanding the Power & Peril of Cyber Conflict	9
84-365	The Politics of Fake News and Misinformation	9
84-366	The 21st-Century Presidency: Expanding Powers, New Challenges	9
84-367	The Politics of Antisemitism	9
84-368	Technology Ethics	9
84-370	Nuclear Security & Arms Control	9
84-371	International Governance of Artificial Intelligence	9
84-373	International Law	9
84-380	US Grand Strategy	9
84-383	National Cyber Policy & Strategy	6
84-386	The Privatization of Force	9
84-387	Remote Systems and the Cyber Domain in Conflict	9
84-389	Terrorism and Insurgency	9
84-393	The US Congress: Legislative Progress or Paralysis?	9
84-405	The Future of Warfare	9
17-200	Ethics and Policy Issues in Computing	9
32-201	Leadership & Management	9
32-310	Evolution Of Warfare	9
32-402	Leadership and Ethics	9
79-257	Germany and the Second World War	9
79-268	World War I: The Twentieth Century's First Catastrophe	9
79-302	Killer Robots? The Ethics, Law, and Politics of Drones and A.I. in War	9
80-136	Social Structure, Public Policy & Ethics	9

* If not used as a core course, course may count as an elective.