

**BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE
WAR, STATECRAFT AND STRATEGY CURRICULUM**

**ISS 2105 – THE ORIGINS OF THE CONTEMPORARY WEST I: ANCIENTS TO THE SCIENTIFIC
REVOLUTION**

3 credits

Multidisciplinary survey of the big ideas in Western Civilization and the societies and cultures which helped to form them. Students will learn about the West's cultural heritage by reading and discussing great works of philosophy, history, politics, literature, art and science from antiquity to the seventeenth century. Begins with creation stories in the Hebrew and Greek traditions and ends with the Scientific Revolution.

ISS 2106 – THE ORIGINS OF THE CONTEMPORARY WEST II: ENLIGHTENMENT TO MODERNITY

3 credits

Multidisciplinary survey of the big ideas in Western Civilization, and the societies and cultures which helped to form them. Students will learn about their cultural heritage by reading and discussing great works of philosophy, history, politics, literature, arts and science from the eighteenth century onwards. Starts with the Enlightenment and ends in the twentieth century.

ISS 2710 – GRAND STRATEGY I

3 credits

How do nations achieve their aims through warfare? What influence do individual leaders, regime type, or ideology have on the course of conflicts? What lessons can be derived from history? How does diplomacy interact with military power, and how do alliances serve national interests? This course will explore these questions by tracing the rise and fall of great powers from ancient Athens to the American Revolution. It will do so by looking both to primary and secondary sources across genres.

ISS 2715 – GRAND STRATEGY II

3 credits

How do nations achieve their aims through warfare? What influence do individual leaders, regime type, or ideology have on the course of conflicts? What enduring lessons can be derived from history? This course will continue from the foundations laid in the first semester course. It will explore various approaches to grand strategy and consider how both history and theory can inform contemporary statecraft in war and peace.



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ISS 2294 – THEORIES AND STRATEGIES

3 credits

The course draws on empirical and theoretical perspectives from a range of disciplines tracing the evolution and development of the state system, from its rise in the seventeenth century through to the new emergence of new challenges in the globalized world of the early twenty-first century. Students will investigate the questions posed to the world order by new structural developments and explore the competing interpretations scholars have proposed to help us understand them.

ISS 3680 – CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES

3 credits

This multidisciplinary course focuses on contemporary challenges facing modern states. Courses will focus the theory and application of intelligence, diplomacy, military power, and related tools of statecraft to national defense policy formulation, peacemaking and power projection to confront present-day national and international challenges.

Variable Topic, Repeatable

ISS 3682 – STATECRAFT AND STRATEGY

3 credits

This multidisciplinary course focuses on the connection between statecraft and strategy, both necessary for states to navigate in international politics and conflict. The course examines how states use diplomatic, economic, military, intelligence and cultural tools to achieve their strategic ends. Courses will focus on major themes and figures in the history of statecraft and strategy.

Variable Topic, Repeatable

ISS 3714 – THEORETICAL FRAMEWORKS

3 credits

This multidisciplinary course focuses on the theories underpinning decision-making related to war, statecraft and strategic thinking. Courses will focus on major themes and subjects such as the state system, ideologies of the modern world, realism and similar topics.

Variable Topic, Repeatable

ISS 3713 – WAR

3 credits

This multidisciplinary course focuses on war and warfare from the perspective of history, politics, diplomacy, strategic studies, political economy, philosophy, literature and related humanities and social science disciplines. Courses will focus on major themes related to war and warfare from antiquity to the present.

Variable Topic, Repeatable

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ISS 4911 – WAR, STATECRAFT AND STRATEGY RESEARCH SEMINAR

3 credits

Students will apply the methodological, theoretical, and historical knowledge they have gained in the WSS major by conducting an original research project about a topic of real-world significance. Students will be guided through the research and writing process; and present their research at the end of the semester. Student mastery of this course will be displayed through written and oral assignments. All course assignments will be directed towards the completion of a research paper.

WRT Req – 6000 words