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BA in International Studies & MA in Diplomacy

University Scholars Program
UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The University Scholars Program (USP) offers highly motivated students the opportunity to integrate their undergraduate and graduate courses of study into a single continuous program culminating in both a baccalaureate and graduate degree while preparing students for the professional world in International Affairs.

The International Studies program confers a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (BA). The BA requires 120 hours and includes courses in foreign affairs and international studies. The Patterson School of Diplomacy confers a Master’s of Arts (MA) degree in Diplomacy. The USP will allow qualified students to use up to 12 hours of coursework towards both their Bachelor and Master’s degree.

PROGRAM SPECIFICATIONS

USP students will be required to meet all curriculum requirements from the Patterson School, including choosing a major and minor concentration as well taking the required courses in each concentration. Students will work with their advisors in International Studies and the Patterson School when selecting courses to ensure that the course requirements for their major/minor concentrations are satisfied. Students may use the 400G level courses from International Studies and elective courses from the Patterson School (600, 700) towards both degrees. Six (6) of the 12 credits to be shared will include DIP 700: Dynamics of Diplomacy and INT 495G: Capstone Seminar in International Studies, both completed during the student’s Senior year.

ABOUT THE PATTERTON SCHOOL

Since 1959, the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce has prepared future leaders for rewarding careers in international affairs. The School’s hallmarks have been its intimate size, selectivity, and combination of diplomatic and commercial studies. Around the globe, Patterson graduates pursue exciting careers with governments, international organizations, NGOs, think tanks, and the private sector. With a faculty dedicated to providing an unparalleled learning experience, we ensure students develop the knowledge and skills necessary to have an impact on the world stage. Our graduates seek more than just a profession; they want to change the world.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students will apply to the Patterson School during the standard admissions cycle in the Spring semester of their junior year, following the Graduate School procedures. If admitted in Spring of Junior year and through Senior year, the student will continue regular advising with International Studies but additionally be assigned an advisor with the Patterson School. Following completion and graduation from International Studies, the student will continue with solely a Patterson School advisor.

PATTERSON SCHOOL CONCENTRATIONS:

DIPLOMACY

This interdisciplinary concentration centers on mastering strong communications, analytical and leadership skills, with an aim toward the formulation and implementation of policy options. A solid understanding of international political and economic statecraft is particularly important, as is the development of negotiating, conflict resolution, and cross-cultural communication skills. The study of diplomacy prepares students for careers in:

- U.S. or foreign diplomatic services
- International and non-governmental organizations
- Congress
- State and local government
- Think tanks
- Journalism

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE

Patterson School graduates specializing in international commerce and trade learn the fundamentals of commercial activity and develop the analytical and interpersonal skills that are sought by intentionally focused companies. Public sector careers focus on maintaining and improving the regulatory framework through which private international commercial activity takes place. The study of international commerce prepares students for careers including:

- Department of Commerce
- U.S. Trade Representative
- Export Import Bank
- World Bank
- Private industry
- State and local government

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & DEVELOPMENT

International Organizations and Development includes the study of institutions from intergovernmental organizations to non-governmental organizations. Students will cover a wide range of issues from microfinance and sustainable development to human rights and justice, with a strong focus on policy analysis and theory. The study of international organization and development prepares students for careers in:

- USAID
- Peace Corps
- Private sector development and humanitarian assistance
- International organizations
- United Nations and specialized agencies
- International development banks

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY & INTELLIGENCE

Students concentrating in International Security and Intelligence at Patterson become familiar both with the grand debates of national security strategy and the nuts and bolts of the national security state. Students will become familiar with the intelligence cycle and the structure of global intelligence collection and analysis. The study of security prepares students for careers including:

- Intelligence community
- Departments of Defense and Homeland Security
- Risk analysis firms
- Defense industrial base
- Congress