Thinking about graduate school? Our instructors attended great schools before arriving at West Point. Here’s a list:

- Kings
- Cornell
- MAJ Perlik
- Dr. Person
- MAJ Babcock
- MAJ Flynn
- Dr. Margulies Pennsylvania
- LTC Babcock
- Dr. Beitler
- MAJ Duda
- MAJ Fox
- CPT Dugan
- MAJ Flynn
- MAJ Fox
- LTC Hurd
- MAJ Lapointe
- Tufts
- Yale
- MAJ Robitaille
- LTC Rosol
- MAJ Watson
- CPT White
- MAJ Vaeni
- MAJ Vaeni
- MAJ Watson
- CPT White
- CPT Wolfley
- MAJ Fox
- MAJ Vaeni
- MAJ Watson
- CPT White
- CPT Wolfley

Students majoring in International Affairs (IA) study how power operates in the international system. We examine issues of conflict and cooperation, domestic politics, the foreign relations of states, and characteristics of the international system.
What courses do I take?
The IA program has 3 “toolbox” courses followed by a choice of tracks and electives that tailor the 13 course major to your unique interests:

Toolbox Courses for International Affairs:
- SS360 Research Methods
  An introduction to research methods and techniques in political science. This course covers many aspects of research design and developing critical thinking skills.
- SS366 Comparative Politics
  Analyzes the sources of stability or instability in political regimes. This course also examines the conditions that promote either democracy or dictatorship.
- SS386 Political Thought and Ideas
  An introduction to the works of major political thinkers, examining the principal questions of political thought.

Tracks (cadets choose one):
- Security Studies Track and Foreign Policy
  - SS395: International Security
  - SS483 National Security Seminar
- Institutions, Governance, and Development Track
  - SS475: Comp. Political Institutions
  - SS487: International Political Economy
  - 1 x Track Elective
    - Track #1
  - 2 x IA Electives
    - IA #1
    - IA #2
  - 1 x American Politics Elective
    - AP #1
- 3 x Complimentary Support Courses
  - CSC#1
  - CSC#2
  - CSC#3
  - 1 x Capstone

What are some of the International Affairs electives?
- SS372 Politics of China
- SS377 Politics of Europe
- SS378 Great Power Politics
- SS383 Politics of the Middle East
- SS381 Cultural/Political Anthropology
- SS385 Comparative Economic Systems
- SS457 Grand Strategy
- SS464 Homeland Security
- SS465 Terrorism
- SS473 American Foreign Policy
- SS475 Comp. Political Institutions
- SS476 Int. Conflict and Settlement
- SS481 The Politics of Defense Policy
- SS486 State Building
- SS487 International Political Economy
  ... and more!

What non-SOSH electives can I take?
- DS460 Counterinsurgency Operations
- DS470 Military Strategy
- EP363 Political Philosophy
- EP365 Ethics of Military Profession
- EV372 Geography of Asia
- EV487 Environmental Security
- HI372 History of US Foreign Relations
- HI385 War & Its Theorists
- HI391 World Religions
- IT460 Cyber Operations
- LW481 International Law
- LW482 National Security Law
- MG421 Strategic Management
- PL471 Leadership in Combat
  ... and more!

Yuk Fall
- SS357 Advanced IR
- SS202 American Politics
- PY201 Philosophy and Ethics
- SCI #3
- DFL #1

Yuk Spring
- SS366 Comparative Politics
- MA206 Probability and Stats
- EV203 Physical Geography
- SS201 Economics
- DFL #2

Cow Fall
- IA Gateway #1
- SS360 Research Methods
- IA CSC #1
- PL300 Military Leadership
- Engineer #1

Cow Spring
- IA Gateway #2
- SS386 Political Thought
- IA CSC #2
- Engineer #2
- HI302 Military Art

Firstie Fall
- IA Regional Elective
- IA Thematic Elective
- IA CSC #3
- MX400 Officership
- Engineer #3

Firstie Spring
- IA Track Elective
- IA Capstone
- American Politics Elective
- LW 403 Constitutional/Military Law
- CY 305 Cyber Foundations

Typical Schedule

1 x Track Elective
- Track #1

2 x IA Electives
- IA #1
- IA #2

1 x American Politics Elective
- AP #1

3 x Complimentary Support Courses
- CSC#1
- CSC#2
- CSC#3
- 1 x Capstone

- Senior Thesis
- Senior Project
- Senior Faculty Colloquium