

WHAT'S THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN...

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS



This concentration focuses on the formulation and implementation of states' foreign policies, relations between states, and the factors that affect international political cooperation and competition on a variety of global issues.

SECURITY POLICY



This concentration focuses on a wide range of national, transnational, and international security challenges and the way these challenges affect individuals, groups, states, and international organizations. Examples of security challenges include weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, territorial and maritime disputes, regional and ethnic conflicts, cyberattacks, international crime, and the security implications of a globalized economy, immigration, climate change, and pandemic disease.

DISTINCTION

International Politics and Security Policy overlap to a significant degree, but international politics encompasses foreign policies on a range of topics beyond security policy, while Security Policy also addresses domestic security concerns. In addition, courses that strictly focused on military strategy and doctrine count for Security Policy but typically not for International Politics.

Security Policy has a narrower focus than International Politics and goes deeper into military strategy and doctrine. It also considers security challenges within states and the evolution of new types of security threats.=



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