The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies is an internationally recognized leader in advancing the understanding of and engagement in world issues. As one of the oldest and largest schools in the country to offer undergraduate and graduate degrees in international and area studies, we are dedicated to teaching and research that impact nations, communities, educators and individuals.

About the Jackson School

Situated in the Pacific Northwest, the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies offers unique access to a major hub of innovation and activity in the Pacific Rim, U.S., and globally.

The School is named for the late Senator Henry M. Jackson, in recognition of his interest and support for the School and the field of international affairs. Alumni have graduated to work in a range of fields, including the U.S. government; The White House; major corporations such as Boeing, Microsoft, Starbucks, and CNN; international agencies including The World Bank, United Nations, and the biggest foundation in the world, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; think tanks; universities, and diplomatic missions of foreign governments.

The Jackson School hosts the most U.S. Department of Education-funded National Resource Centers in the country dedicated to public education activities (see complete list on reverse). Our National Resource Centers also award Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships to students throughout the UW, thanks to U.S. Department of Education support.

Education

The Jackson School offers bachelor, master and doctoral degrees. Undergraduates choose from one of seven majors—Asian Studies, Canadian Studies, European Studies, Latin American Studies, Comparative Religion, Jewish Studies, or International Studies—and 17 minors. The curriculum is interdisciplinary and focuses on area studies, international policy issues and skill-based learning. Classes are taught by UW faculty and practitioners from both public and private sectors. Study abroad is strongly encouraged. A highlight of the International Studies major is Task Force, a capstone seminar which requires students to investigate a current global policy issue, write an analysis, make recommendations and present to external evaluators with expertise on the issue.

At the graduate level, we offer 10 programs that lead to a master's degree. The International Studies program has the broadest focus and is often pursued concurrently with professional degree programs in business administration, marine affairs, forest resources, public affairs, law, or public health. Students who have at least five years of professional experience may apply to a 10-month or two-year part-time M.A. in Applied International Studies.

The Ph.D. in International Studies is for scholars and practitioners who want to develop deep knowledge of areas in the context of specific contemporary global themes, policy challenges and real-world problems. The Jackson School Ph.D. allows for a three-year accelerated program of completion.

The Office of Career Services connects students to internships, an alumni-student mentor program and job opportunities throughout the year. Although not all alumni pursue international careers, many have an international aspect to their career, in public, private, and non-governmental and government sectors.

STUDENTS (Autumn 2016)

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OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS*

- African Studies
- Arctic Studies
- Canadian Studies
- China Studies
- Comparative Islamic Studies
- Comparative Religion Studies
- European Studies
- Human Rights (tri-campus minor)
- International Studies
- Japan Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Korea Studies
- Latin American & Caribbean Studies
- Middle East Studies
- Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies
- South Asian Studies
- Southeast Asian Studies

*undergraduate majors, minors and/or graduate studies
Faculty

Jackson School faculty represent a broad spectrum of social science disciplines. They are also associated with other departments in the College of Arts and Sciences and other schools and colleges at UW, including the College of the Environment, School of Law, and the Michael G. Foster School of Business. Honors include:

- 7 UW Distinguished Teaching Awards
- 2 UW Distinguished Graduate Mentor Awards
- 1 UW Outstanding Public Service Award
- 1 UW Distinguished Staff Award
- 1 UW Undergraduate Research Mentor Award
- James D. Clowes Award for the Advancement of Learning Communities
- 1 UW Alumni Association “Last Word” Lecture Award
- Governor’s Writers Award
- World Educator Award, World Affairs Council
- National Science Foundation Career Award
- U.S. Institute for Peace Senior Fellowship
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Association for Asian Studies
- Chevalier de l’Ordre du Mérite Agricole, Republic of France
- Third Order of the Rising Sun, Government of Japan

President, Association for Asian Studies
President, American Society for Jewish Studies
President, Turkish Studies Association
President, World History Association
Editor, Journal of Asian Studies
Editor, Journal of Japanese Studies
Editor, Journal of Korean Studies

Research

The Jackson School offers leading-edge research in global and area studies. Our internationally prominent faculty represent a range of fields in the social sciences and humanities, including anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, religion, sociology, and gender, women & sexuality studies. Some notable research projects include: the effects of free-trade agreements on human rights; public health and environmental security; nuclear non-proliferation in Asia; civil society in Asia; Latin America and Europe; defense industrialization in China; the relationship between religion and violence; U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East; history of U.S. foreign policy; the Mexican Revolution; political economy of India, post-Soviet politics; and, politics of indigenous communities.

Outreach

The Jackson School sponsors hundreds of conferences, colloquia, and seminars on an annual basis featuring the work of scholars, NGOs, business, and diplomats from around the world. The School’s International Policy Institute, funded by Carnegie Corporation of New York, has created a platform for scholars, policymakers and business leaders to engage and bridge the gap between academia and real world policymaking, tackling emerging global topics such as cybersecurity, religion, outer space, and the Arctic.

Our 23 centers and programs provide ongoing education opportunities for K-12 educators via workshops, lectures, partnerships with media, and international study tours. They offer up-to-date information and recommendations on global education resources and support in planning international curricula and activities.

WHAT’S IN A NAME?
A JACKSON SCHOOL TIMELINE

1909: The Jackson School begins as the Department of Oriental Subjects.
Post WW II: The Department becomes the Far Eastern and Russian Institute.
1978: The Institute is named the School of International Studies.
1983: The School's current name is adopted in recognition of the interest and support that the late Senator Jackson had given to the School and the field of international affairs.

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS

Canadian Studies Center
East Asia Center
Center for West European Studies
Center for Global Studies
Middle East Center
The Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies
South Asia Center
Southeast Asia Center

FACULTY (Autumn 2016)

22 Professors
18 Associate Professors
5 Assistant Professors
1 Senior Lecturer
3 Emeritus Professors
8 Adjunct Faculty
50 Affiliate Faculty


6 Boren Scholarships
1 Carnegie Junior Fellowship
7 Critical Language Scholarships
5 Fulbright Scholarships
1 Pickering Fellowship
2 Rangel Graduate Fellowships
1 Yenching Academy Scholarship

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