The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies is a nationally recognized leader in advancing the understanding of and engagement in world issues. Through our interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate academic and experiential learning programs, we prepare global citizens to lead with a nuanced contextual knowledge of how the world works.

About the Jackson School

Situated in the Pacific Northwest, we offer unique access to a global hub of innovation, technology and public service research, internships and jobs. Founded in 1909, 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.

Our alumni work in a range of fields, including: the U.S. Foreign Service; major corporations such as Amazon, Microsoft and Starbucks; international agencies like 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 21 centers and programs; six of these are U.S. Department of Education-funded National Resource Centers dedicated to education and public service (see complete list on reverse). Through these Centers, we award Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships to students throughout the UW. In 2019-2020, our FLAS program granted 87 FLAS Fellowships, representing almost $1.8 million in stipends for students.

Education

The Jackson School offers bachelor, master and doctoral degrees. Undergraduates choose from six majors—Asian 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 and make recommendations to external evaluators with expertise on the issue. Select undergraduate and graduate students also join our Global Research Groups, bringing actionable insights to private and public sector organizations for their strategic and operational objectives.

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 with 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 PhD in International Studies trains scholars and practitioners with deep knowledge of areas in the context of contemporary global themes, policy challenges and real-world problems. Our PhD allows for a three-year 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 a global aspect in their jobs, in public, private and nongovernmental sectors.

STUDENTS (Autumn 2020)
- 265 Undergraduate majors
- 53 Undergraduate minors
- 132 Graduate students

DEGREES AWARDED (Sept. 2019-Aug. 2020)
- 189 Bachelor of Arts
- 46 Master of Arts
- 5 PhD

OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS*

- African Studies
- Arctic Studies
- China Studies
- Comparative Islamic Studies
- Comparative Religion Studies
- European Studies
- Hellenic Studies
- Human Rights (tri-campus minor)
- International Studies
- Japan Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Korea Studies
- Latin American & Caribbean Studies
- Middle East Studies
- Portuguese Language & Luso-Brazilian 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:

4 UW Distinguished Teaching Awards
1 UW Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award
1 UW Outstanding Public Service Award
1 UW Distinguished Staff Award
2 UW Undergraduate Research Mentor Awards
1 James D. Clowes Award for the Advancement of Learning Communities
1 UW Alumni Association "Last Word" Lecture Award
1 Governor's Writers Award
1 World Educator Award, World Affairs Council
3 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowships
1 U.S. Institute for Peace Senior Fellowship

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

Each year the Jackson School and its centers and programs sponsor hundreds of academic and public conferences, lectures and cultural events featuring scholars, NGOs, business and diplomats from around the world. In addition, the School's International Policy Institute, funded by Carnegie Corporation of New York, brings together academics and policymakers in forums in both Seattle and Washington D.C. to tackle pressing global topics such as cybersecurity, religion and the Arctic.

Our 21 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.

FACULTY (Autumn 2020)

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NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS

Canadian Studies Center
East Asia Center
Center for Global Studies
Middle East Center
South Asia Center
Southeast Asia Center

OTHER CENTERS & PROGRAMS

Arctic and International Relations
Comparative Religion
Center for Human Rights
Center for Korea Studies
East Asia Resources Center
Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies
European Union Center
Japan Studies
Latin and American Caribbean Studies
Stroum Center for Jewish Studies
Taiwan Studies

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