

IGA-282
Leading the National Security Enterprise
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IGA-282 analyzes primary issues in the international security arena with a focus on best practices in management and decision-making for future practitioners, senior officials, and policymakers in a variety of settings in the United States and other countries around the world. Students put themselves in the position of national security leaders and learn how to navigate complex bureaucratic, strategic, economic and transnational landscapes to formulate and execute effective policies. The objective of the course is both to strengthen students' grasp of the underlying challenges in international security and to hone the professional skills that will make them effective policymakers and practitioners in national governments, international organizations, or NGOs. Although many of the sessions will employ the U.S. national security enterprise as the starting point, the lessons and skills students will develop during the class will be broadly applicable internationally and across sectors. Students will be required to produce professional products including concise memos, briefings, and oral testimony.