DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH A MAJOR IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The PhD in International Affairs, Science and Technology program provides a unique opportunity for students with backgrounds in either social sciences or science and technology to deepen their understanding of international affairs through the advanced study of sub-fields such as international relations theory, international security, international political economy, comparative politics, and methods for social scientific research. There is widespread recognition that a number of important problems in international affairs – such as how to control the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, or how to promote economic growth in the developing world – cannot properly be understood without an appreciation of the scientific and technological issues involved. At the same time, it is evident that neither the development nor the impact of new technologies is confined within state or national boundaries. Scientific innovation increasingly depends on international collaboration, while the consequences of those innovations, for example in terms of their environmental impact, similarly demand international coordination to be monitored and regulated. Graduates of this research-oriented program will be well placed to embark on careers in academic research, or to move into the policy world where their dual expertise will be rare and highly valued.

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