

AMERICAN COLLEGE PROGRAM



Université de Fribourg - Universität Freiburg

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES PROGRAM SWITZERLAND (July 1 -July 19, 2025)

Tentative Course Program

Monday – 30 June	Departure Day
Tuesday – 1 July	Arrival Day/Orientation/Information Session
Module I (July 2- July 5)	LAWS OF WAR & ARMS CONTROL & CONFLICT RESOLUTION
Wednesday – 2 July	AM Anarchy, Power, Crocodiles & Wolves– Andrew Armstrong (George Mason University) PM The Geneva Conventions – Joanna Bourke (Geneva Academy of IHL and HR)
Thursday -3 July	AM The Role of International Organizations & Global Solutions - Joanna Bourke (Geneva Academy) PM The Politics of Post-Conflict Justice – Rita El Khoury (Swisspeace Foundation) PM2 Study Visit Parliament of Switzerland – meeting with MP Nicolas Walder and Laurent Wehrli (Foreign Affairs Committee) @ 16:00
Friday – 4 July	AM+PM (Departure: 06:40) Geneva Study Visit @ UN-CD (19:00 train back) Mid-term Exam
Saturday – 5 July	AM The Future of the United Nations– Andrew Armstrong (George Mason University)
Module II (July 8-12)	GLOBAL SECURITY CHALLENGES & EMERGING THREATS
Monday –7 July	AM Departure for Strasbourg (6:00) AM @ Council of Europe – Counter Terrorism Strategies PM Modern Conflict in Context– Andrew Armstrong (George Mason University) Metz (hotel)
Tuesday – 8 July	AM Hackenberg Fortress, Maginot Line PM Departure for Brussels (hotel)
Wednesday – 9 July	PM Politic of Arms Sales – Andrew Armstrong (George Mason University) AM @ EU Parliament
Thursday – 10 July	PM Digital Propaganda & Information Warfare – Andrew Armstrong (George Mason University) AM @ NATO
Friday – 11 July	PM Departure for Strasbourg (hotel) AM Meeting with Swiss Ambassador to the Council of Europe Claude Wild PM Departure for Fribourg
Module III (July 15-19)	DIPLOMACY, DEFENSE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, & JUSTICE
Monday – 14 July	AM Investigating War Crimes, Protecting the Victims – Oleksandra Matvichuk (Center for Civil Liberties) PM (13:30) Fundamentals of International Diplomacy – Iryna Venedyktova (Ambassador of Ukraine), Patrick Witmman (Ambassador of Canada), Yuri Fedkiw (US Deputy Head of Embassy, DCM), AM Swiss National Defense Policy – Diplomacy and Defense – Benno Zogg , (Head of Strategy and Anticipation Section, Swiss Armed Forces)
Tuesday – 15 July	PM Swiss Fortress Study visit (Departure 13:30)
Wednesday – 16 July	AM It's a MAD, MAD World – Andrew Armstrong (George Mason University) PM Debating Peace Theories – Andrew Armstrong (George Mason University)
Thursday – 17 July	AM The Most Dangerous Game in the World– Andrew Armstrong (George Mason University) PM Group presentations
Friday – 18 July	Final Exam
Saturday– 19 July	Submission of research documents/ Departures