



Comillas Summer School

International Security Management

This intensive course explores the fast-changing landscape of international security, combining longstanding risks with emerging challenges reshaping global security management. Topics include the Russia-Ukraine war, climate change as a security concern, energy/food/water security, and evolving threats linked to cyberspace, space militarisation, and emerging technologies such as AI and quantum computing

General Information

Credits: 5 ECTS

Language: English

Delivery mode: On-site

Location: Alberto Aguilera 23 (Madrid)

Dates: 06/07/2026 - 17/07/2026

Duration: 2 weeks (full-time)

Academic area: Humanities and Social Sciences

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Analyse key global security risks and emerging threats shaping international security in the 21st century
- Apply practical tools and methods to assess risk and design responses to crises, hybrid threats, and cyber incidents

Fees, deadlines, and discounts

- Price: €1,000
- Enrolment deadline: 15 May. Late applications may be accepted, subject to availability.
- Early Bird: until 15 April, 20% off
- Additional discount: €100 for students from the IAJU Network and IPBS Network
- Summer School materials indicate the course price includes enrolment + course materials, diploma, transcript of records, access to university services, and site/cultural visits/activities.

Course content

Block 1

- Emerging security threats (energy/resources, cyber, AI)
- Hybrid warfare and grey-zone conflict
- Terrorism and counterterrorism
- War, conflict, and peacebuilding in the 21st century

Block 3

- Cybersecurity fundamentals and cyber risk management
- Crisis communication and managing cyberattacks (case studies/simulations)
- Disinformation and public opinion
- OSINT methods and applications

Block 2

- Crisis management and disaster relief frameworks
- Food and water security
- Energy security: risks, dilemmas, and opportunities

Transversal practical workshops

- Security research methods (qualitative and quantitative)
- Data analysis tools and group case studies

Assessment, exams, and attendance

- Attendance: minimum 90% required
- Exams: Assessment is based on participation, assignments and course deliverables, and/or exams when specified by the professor.
- Final grade:
 - 0 – 4.9: Suspenso (SS) - Fail
 - 5.0 – 6.9: Aprobado (AP) - Pass
 - 7.0 – 8.9: Notable (NT) - Very Good
 - 9.0 – 10: Sobresaliente (SB) - Excellent

Entry requirements

- Aimed at undergraduate students.
- For English-taught courses, a minimum B2 English level is required. Accepted proof includes certificates such as Cambridge, IELTS and other equivalents or an official confirmation of English level issued by the student's home university.

Application process

- Email pre-registration: Send an email to summer.school@comillas.edu indicating: Course name; Full name; Email address; Passport number.
- Access to the application platform: After your registration is processed, Comillas will open access to the online application platform.
- Upload required documents (via the platform), typically including: Passport copy; ID photo; Proof of health insurance



Accommodation

Comillas collaborates with official partners to offer students a range of recommended accommodation options during Summer School, including Lodgerin, Neelo, Homiii, Colegio Mayor Loyola.

- [Lodgerin](#)
- [Neelo](#)
- [Homiii](#)
- [Colegio Mayor Loyola](#)

If you would like to explore more options, you can also visit our [website](#)

Cultural activities

- Experience Spain beyond the classroom. All courses include cultural activities, such as city tours, visits to nearby cities, museum visits, sports activities, and other social events.
 - Welcome & closing ceremony: All participants are invited to the official welcome and closing ceremonies.
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Informational sessions

Two online informational sessions are organised each month. If you would like to participate, please contact the Comillas Summer School team and we will send you the invitation details.

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