Global Security, MA

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA Global Security

The MA in global security is an interdisciplinary, fully online program designed to aid professional advancement in military, government and private sector careers; students are trained to critically engage international security issues in a comprehensive manner.

The program is based on four key pillars: enabling innovative strategic thinking; developing analytic tools; supporting critical interdisciplinary engagement; and encouraging flexible and resilient approaches to the inherently complex challenges of current and future global security.

Students may pursue the master’s degree from anywhere in the world, study while working full-time or part-time, and may advance at their own pace. The program assists students in gaining a grounded and relevant understanding of major global trends while developing critical analytic skills to improve their capacity to succeed in multiple career paths related to domestic and international security.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** online

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including the required capstone course (GSC 550)

**Required Core (3 credit hours)**
GSC 501 War, Conflict and Security (3)

**Electives or Research (24 credit hours)**
Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
GSC 550 Capstone (3)

Additional Curriculum Information
For electives or research, students will take eight courses from a restricted list for a total of 24 credit hours. Students should contact the academic unit for the approved course list. Other coursework may be used with approval of the academic unit.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in the humanities (English, history, etc.); social sciences (anthropology, sociology, political science, etc.); sciences (biology, chemistry, etc.); policy (public administration, etc.); computer science; engineering (all subfields); or a closely related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. letters of recommendation
4. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

Applicants must submit at least one letter of recommendation for admission. Applicants may submit additional letters.

Attend Online
ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

Application Deadlines

Fall
Spring

Global Opportunities

PLuS Alliance

The PLuS Alliance combines the strengths of three leading research universities on three continents – Arizona State University, King's College London and UNSW Sydney – to create and share knowledge that will solve pressing educational and societal challenges.

Students have the opportunity to collaborate with peers and specialists across the globe through PLuS-partner courses offered online. Through this PLuS Alliance collaboration degree program, students develop transferable global competencies and gain exposure to international teaching and academic content. https://www.plusalliance.org/global-learning-network-programmes

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