Global Security, MA

Learn from a breadth of courses taught by a world-class faculty of global thought leaders, seasoned practitioners and scholars from security-related fields. You’ll have firsthand experience paired with the academic rigor of challenging, interesting and relevant coursework.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA Global Security
The MA in global security is an interdisciplinary, fully online program designed to aid professional advancement in government, military, nonprofit 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: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: online

Accelerated Program Options
This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- Global Studies, BA
- Political Science, BA
- Political Science, BS

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

**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 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 cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (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. resume or curriculum vitae
5. personal statement
6. proof of English proficiency

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

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

The application requires a two- to three-page personal statement.

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 expand
Summer expand

Career Opportunities
The Master of Arts program in global security 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.

Career area examples include:

- conflict zone and post-war reconstruction
- consulting
- global security intelligence (public and private sector)
- humanitarian and human rights
- policy analysis
- regional affairs
- risk assessment (public and private sector)
- U.S. military advancement