Global Security (Cybersecurity), MA

Learn from a wide breadth of courses taught by a world-class faculty from across a range of security-related fields who can offer you firsthand experience as well as academic rigor through the challenging, interesting, and relevant coursework.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA Global Security (Cybersecurity)

The cybersecurity concentration is a unique element within the MA program in global security, engaging cyber issues from an interdisciplinary perspective with a focus on global security.

This nontechnical program provides students with relevant and continually updated understandings of the complex risks, threats and modes of protection and response associated with cybersecurity. It's a program more theoretical in nature and uses real-world examples. Students progress at their own pace; it can be completed in one year or in a six-year period. Students may pursue the degree while working full-time or part-time.

This program is designed to prepare students for a rapidly expanding field with a focus on the complex relationship between cybersecurity and global politics. Students learn from top faculty, including global thought leaders, seasoned scholars, and skilled practitioners. Classes integrate case studies, policy exercises and critical thinking, to prepare students for career advancement.

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)

Concentration (12 credit hours)
GSC 560 Overview of Cybersecurity (3)
GSC 561 Cybersecurity Threats and Trends (3)
GSC 562 Cybersecurity, Global Politics and Resiliency (3)
GSC 563 Cybersecurity Planning and Strategy (3)

Electives or Research (12 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
GSC 550 Capstone (3)

Additional Curriculum Information
For electives or research, students take coursework from a restricted list for a total of 12 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.

Applicants are required to submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. personal statement
4. curriculum vitae or resume
5. one letter of recommendation
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 but 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
Summer

Career Opportunities
The Master of Arts program in global security with a concentration in cybersecurity 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.

Example career areas 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

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