Global Security (Cybersecurity), MA
LAGSCSECMA

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. The program is practically-oriented, and it provides students with relevant and continually updated understanding of the complex risks, threats and modes of protection and response associated with cybersecurity. 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.

The program is a non-technical degree 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 scholars, leaders and skilled practitioners with classes integrating 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

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 will 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 of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their 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.

Applicants are required to submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. one letter 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 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.

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