

# Global Security (Irregular Warfare), MA

LAGSCIWMA

Position yourself to excel with a degree designed for future leaders in this field. With access to the insights of globally-recognized thought leaders, combined with the flexibility of online delivery, this program is ideal for busy professionals whose career aspirations know no bounds.

## Program description

### **Degree awarded: MA Global Security (Irregular Warfare)**

The irregular warfare concentration allows students in the MA program in global security to focus their studies on components of irregular warfare, including proxy wars, counterinsurgency, narrative warfare and other features of modern conflict. Students learn from top faculty, including international leaders in the field, seasoned scholars and skilled practitioners.

The courses in this program provide students with a relevant and continually updated understanding of the increasingly important role played by irregular warfare in the complex and competitive global security environment. This program balances the theoretical and practical aspects of irregular warfare through rigorous scholarly work with historical and contemporary case studies, and classes integrate case studies, policy exercises and critical thinking to prepare students for career advancement.

Students progress at their own pace; the program can be completed in one year or a six-year period. Students may pursue the degree while working full-time or part-time.

### **GI Bill® benefits**

This new program is not yet approved for use with GI Bill® benefits.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>.

## 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 plus master's degree** with:

[Global Studies, BA](#)

[Political Science, BA](#)

[Political Science, BS](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how 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 510 Governance in Post-conflict and Transitional Contexts (3)

GSC 511 Terrorism and Insurgency (3)

GSC 571 Narrative Conflict (3)

GSC 572 Proxy Warfare, Strategic Thinking, History and Operational Arts (3)

GSC 573 Understanding Great Power Competition (3)

GSC 598 Special Topics

### **Restricted Electives (12 credit hours)**

### **Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**

GSC 550 Capstone (3)

### **Additional Curriculum Information**

For electives, 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 the 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 any 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:

- graduate admissions application and application fee
- official transcripts
- one letter of recommendation
- personal statement
- professional resume
- proof of English proficiency

### Additional Admission Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide [proof of English proficiency](#) regardless of current residency.

The personal statement must be two to three pages in length.

## Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

## Attend online

### ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

## Application deadlines

Fall

Spring

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## Career opportunities

Graduates possess a grounded and relevant understanding of major global trends as well as critical analytic skills, improving 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 for private, public and nongovernmental organizations acting in conflict zones
- global security intelligence (public and private sector)
- military advancement
- risk assessment (public and private sector)
- security policy analysis

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