Global Security, MA

LAGSCMA

Learn from 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 Master of Arts program in global security 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.

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)

Electives or Research (24 credit hours)

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

Additional Curriculum Information
For electives, 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 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.

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 their 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.

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   expand

Summer   expand

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Global opportunities

PLuS Alliance

The PLuS Alliance partnership combines the strengths of three leading research universities from 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

Career opportunities

Graduates possess a grounded and relevant understanding of major global trends and 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
- 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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