

Global Security (Cybersecurity), MA

LAGSCSECMA

Learn from world-class faculty with expertise in a variety of security-related fields. You'll benefit from their firsthand experience as well as the academic rigor of 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 understanding of the complex risks, threats and modes of protection and response associated with cybersecurity. This program is more theoretical in nature and uses practical, relevant examples. Students may progress at a variety of paces and can pursue the degree while working full time or part time.

The Master of Arts program in global security with a concentration in cybersecurity prepares 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 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 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, 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 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 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 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](#)

[expand](#)

Career opportunities

Graduates possess the grounded and relevant understanding of major global trends and critical analytic skills that improve their capacity to succeed in multiple career paths related to domestic and international security.

Example career areas include:

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

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