Global Security and Competitive Statecraft (Graduate Certificate)

You can deeply understand the issues that shape the complex contemporary global political environment through firsthand experience and the academic rigor of challenging, interesting and relevant coursework on contemporary issues, taught by world-class faculty from across the spectrum of security-related and foreign policy fields.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Global Security and Competitive Statecraft (Certificate)

The certificate in global security and competitive statecraft is an interdisciplinary program designed to aid professional advancement in government, military, nonprofit and private sector careers. Students are trained to critically engage contemporary international security issues in a comprehensive manner.

The program 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.

Program faculty have extensive experience as practitioners in the field of security and foreign policy. They bring their deep understanding of the issues to rigorous and interesting coursework that allows students to develop a sophisticated understanding of the complex global, political environment in which political actors compete.

Students may pursue the certificate from anywhere in the world, study while working full-time or part-time, and they may advance at their own pace.

At a Glance
Degree Requirements

15 credit hours

**Required Core (3 credit hours)**
GSC 512 Global Trends (3)

**Restricted Electives (12 credit hours)**
GSC 503 Future of War (3)
GSC 509 Emerging Technologies and Global Security (3)
GSC 561 Cybersecurity Threats and Trends (3)
GSC 598 Special Topics (3)
IAL 504 U.S. Diplomacy in Action: The Embassy Country Team (3)
IAL 505 Key Issues in Today's Global Economy (3)

**Additional Curriculum Information**
For restricted electives, students take four courses from the restricted list for a total of 12 credit hours. Students should contact the academic unit for eligible GSC 598 topics. Other GSC and IAL courses 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. one letter of recommendation
4. personal statement
5. professional resume
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 one- to three-page personal statement.

**Tuition Information**
When it comes to paying for college, 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**

**Summer**

**Program Learning Outcomes**
Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Critically inquire about and analyze current and future issues surrounding war, conflict, and political violence.
- Strategically formulate and defend positions that acknowledge the complexity and diversity of security challenges, while deploying interdisciplinary ideas to enable focused and rigorous analysis.

**Career Opportunities**
Graduates have achieved timely and authoritative practitioner insights into the complexity of the contemporary global security environment. They also have developed critical analytic skills, improving their capacity to succeed in multiple career paths related to domestic and international security.

Career area examples include:

- global security strategist (public and private sector)
- intelligence and risk assessment analyst (public and private sector)
- policy analyst
- security consultant
- U.S. military advancement

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