GLOBAL SECURITY LEADERSHIP ONLINE (MA)

Program Description

The Master of Arts in global security leadership. is a fully online, interdisciplinary program designed to equip students for leadership roles in national security, intelligence, homeland protection, and private sector organizations. The program is designed to meet the need for early to mid-career education and advanced degrees required for promotion in government and commercial national security organizations. The program is designed to be completed in one year, but students could take longer. The program consists of 30 credit hours beyond a bachelor's degree, including 6 hours of core classes, 21 hours of elective courses, and one applied graduate project.

As an academic discipline, global security studies focuses on the study of various parts of the national security system, including regional security, strategy development, cyber security policy, and intelligence operations. Global security studies explores the multifaceted challenges to international peace and security, encompassing both traditional hard power threats and nontraditional issues like cyber, climate change, and pandemics. It analyzes these issues through the lenses of international relations, political science, economics, and history to develop strategies for prevention, mitigation, and response.

The M.A. in Global Security Leadership will offer four concentrations, allowing students to tailor their studies to align with their professional goals. Students may earn a concentration if they complete 12 hours of elective work from one of the following concentrations.
1) The Global and Regional Security concentration examines critical issues surrounding near-peer competitors and regional conflict fault lines.
2) The Intelligence Operations concentration explores the role of intelligence in national security policy, the impact of emerging technologies on intelligence collection and analysis, and the challenges facing the intelligence community.
3) The Strategy Development concentration develops the skills needed to assess national security challenges, craft policy solutions, and effectively communicate them to senior decision-makers.
4) The Cybersecurity Policy and Planning concentration focuses on evolving cyber threats and how a nation can best build a whole-of-government approach to counter those threats.
Graduates of our Program will be able to
1) Articulate how nations translate their security goals into strategy.
2) Appraise governmental policy planning and execution.
3) Design policy proposals tailored to professional goals.
4) Develop institutional leadership skills.
5) Communicate and disseminate information to intended audiences.

The M.A. in Global Security Leadership is a 30-credit program. All students must complete 6 hours of core courses, 21 hours of electives, and 3 hours of an applied graduate project. Students may also earn a concentration in any of four areas by completing 12 credit hours of elective courses.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Classes - 6 credit hours		
INSS 6010	The Nat'l Sec Structure & Process	
INSS 6090	Creative Organizational Leadership	
Electives - 21 credit hours		
Elective courses are chosen from the concentration courses listed below. Students who complete 12 hours of courses from a concentration will receive a certificate in that specialization, in addition to their degree.		
Concentration 1: Global and Regional Security		
INSS 6100	National Security Strategy	
INSS 6110	Russia and Global Security	
INSS 6120	European Security	
INSS 6130	Middle Eastern & African Security	
INSS 6140	China and Global Security	
Concentration 2: Intelligence Operations		
INSS 6300	Intelligence and Global Security	
INSS 6310	Intelligence in the 21st Century	
INSS 6320	Intelligence and Technology	
INSS 6330	Law Enforcement Intelligence	
INSS 6340	Counterintelligence	
Concentration 3: Strategy Development		
INSS 6500	War, Conflict, and Global Security	
INSS 6510	Emerging Technology & the Future of War	
INSS 6520	Terrorism, Insurgency and Global Security	
INSS 6530	Economic, Environmental & Health Sec	
INSS 6540	Climate Security	
Concentration 4: Cybersecurity Policy and Planning		
INSS 6700	Overview of Cyber Policy	
INSS 6710	Cyber Threats and Trends	
INSS 6720	Developing a Cyber Strategy	
INSS 6730	Cyber and the Military Element of Power	
INSS 6740	Cyber Law and National Security	
Applied Graduate Project - 3 credit hours		
INSS 6900	Capstone Policy Proposal	