

Master of Arts in Homeland Security

The MA in Homeland Security is proud to be the first degree program established in the United States focused on issues related to national security. It was created in 2002 as a degree program where mid career students with at least seven years of relevant work experience can explore issues related to U.S. law and security within an atmosphere that is concerned with protecting our human rights. The degree program is pleased to offer a broad based approach to the issue of homeland security and to provide vibrant class discussions that allow for the merging of different viewpoints.

Security is the essence of international politics and remains a fundamental feature of teaching and research within GSIS. At least half of the permanent faculty, coupled with important senior scholars and international visiting professors at our institute, have taught courses on the topic throughout the 1990s and beyond. Our expertise is clearly marked by its breadth of focus and depth in analysis. We are linked to important policy makers in the U.S. security world: it is not insignificant that one of our doctoral graduates, Condoleezza Rice, served as the U.S. National Security Advisor, perhaps the highest government position in the security field in the country, and that Madeleine Albright, former U.S. Secretary of State, is the daughter of Dr. Joseph Korbel, who founded GSIS as a formal institute nearly forty years ago.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A total of **60** credits are required for the MA in Homeland Security. Full-time students should expect to finish the program in 12 months, while those attending part-time may take two to three years.

- 1. International Studies Core:** Two courses (10 credits)
 - INTS 4501 Comparative Politics: States and Societies in the 21st Century
 - INTS 4324 International Political Economy
- 2. Program Training Core:** Five courses (25 credits)
 - INTS 4907 International Terrorism
 - INTS 4147 American Government and Policy Making
 - INTS 4753 Intelligence and National Security
 - INTS 4730 Homeland Security: Issues/Introduction
 - INTS 4734 Homeland Security, Civil Society, and Human Rights
- 3. Electives:** Three courses (15 credits)
 - INTS 4381 Energy and Transportation Security
 - INTS 4384 Middle East and U.S. Security
 - INTS 4731 Homeland Security: Prevention and Mitigation
 - INTS 4732 Homeland Security: Response and Recovery
 - INTS 4792 Chemical and Biological Threats
 - INTS 4729 Ethics and National Security
 - INTS 4920 Conflict Resolution
 - INTS 4969 National and Homeland Security Law
 - INTS 4983 Healthcare, Homeland Security, and Global Terrorism
 - INTS 4923 American Foreign Policy and Presidential Leadership
 - INTS 4924 Democratization in the Middle East
 - INTS 4989 North American Defense and Security

- 4. Skills Enhancement:** One course (5 credits)
 - INTS 4050 Introductory Statistics (can be waived with undergrad statistics course)
 - INTS 4051 Intermediate Statistics
 - INTS 4735 Security and Defense Analysis Methodologies
 - STAT 3910 Operations Management
 - MGMT 3900 Leadership and Organizational Dynamics
 - MGMT 3280 Managerial Plan, Implementation, and Control
- 5. Internship:** Required (up to 5 credits)
- 6. Thesis or Substantial Research Paper (SRP):** Optional but strongly recommended (0 to 10 credits)
- 7. Electives:** Electives to reach a total of **60** credits

DEGREE DIRECTORS

David Goldfischer, Degree Director, Professor
Ph.D. (Political Science), State University of New York, Buffalo, 1989

Karen Feste, Co-Degree Director, Professor
PhD (Political Science), University of Minnesota, 1973

For additional information about faculty, please see:
<http://www.du.edu/gsis/faculty/index.html>.

STUDENT RESOURCES

GSIS Student Groups
<http://www.du.edu/gsis/communities/index.html>

Organization of Security Students
<https://portfolio.du.edu/pc/port?portfolio=oss>

Women in International Security
<https://portfolio.du.edu/pc/port?portfolio=dwiis>

Institute on Globalization and Security
<http://www.du.edu/gsis/iglos/index.html>

CAREERS

Graduates of the MA in Homeland Security degree have entered careers in US government, policy think tanks in Washington, D.C., and foreign diplomacy. Examples of our alumni employment include the Defense Intelligence Agency, Central Intelligence Agency, General Accountability Office, and the National Security Administration.

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- GSIS Application
- Application Fee (\$65 online fee and \$75 paper application fee)
- Two official transcripts from each college and university attended
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- Statement of Purpose (500-750 words)
- Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- Visa eligibility document (I-20) (International students only)
- TOEFL scores (non-native English speakers)

DEADLINES

Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply by the priority deadline for each entry quarter:

January 15- Summer and Fall quarter

October 15- Winter quarter

As admission is increasingly selective, applications received after the priority deadlines will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

FINANCIAL AID

For information regarding federal funding (Stafford loans, and PLUS loans) and private loans, please contact the University of Denver's Office of Financial Aid at (303) 871-4020 or via the web at <http://www.du.edu/finaid/gradapply.htm>. For information regarding departmental scholarships contact the Graduate School of International Studies at (303) 871-2544 or via the web at www.du.edu/gsis/.

CONTACT US

Please contact the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at (303)871.2544 or 1.877.GSISADM (toll free in the U.S.) or via email at gsisadm@du.edu for more information.

*This description is not binding. For the most comprehensive and updated program descriptions and requirements, please review the MA Handbook on our website.