

# Master of Arts in International Security

The MA in International Security imparts the fundamentals of theoretic significance essential to a Master's degree while providing knowledge of the skills important in research, management, and policy level positions in governmental and non-governmental organizations. The curriculum combines relevant coursework with a mandatory internship. This professional M.A. degree track in International Security is attractive to students and potential employers alike. Specifically, course clusters in skill enhancement and substantive knowledge provide requirements demanded by the market for international security professionals.

Global security is a defining issue of our time. GSIS' success at shaping a truly dynamic professional degree to manage the issue of international security has already been met with wide applause from employers and policy makers in the defense community. This degree takes a multidisciplinary approach to international security, stressing analytical skills, methodology, threat assessment and mitigation, technology issues, ethics, as well as organization management.

This degree requires ninety credit hours, which is typically completed within two years of full-time study, or can also be completed on a part-time basis.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

### 1. **International Studies Core:** Two courses (10 credits)

- INTS 4900 Theories of International Politics
- INTS 4501 Comparative Politics: States and Societies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- INTS 4324 International Political Economy, OR
- One Political Theory course, chose from: INTS 4820 Ancient Political Theory, INTS 4821 Modern Political Theory, INTS 4822 Contemporary Political Theory, or INTS 4921 and INTS 4922 International Systems I and II

### 2. **Program Training Core:** Four courses (20 credits)

- INTS 4700 U.S. Foreign Policy
- INTS 4701 U.S. National Security Policy
- INTS 4702 Major Issues in International Security
- INTS 4103 Classics in Security and Strategy

### 3. **Concentration:** Six – Seven courses (30-35 credits)

Students may select any of the following issue specialization options:

- 1 security specialty + 1 interdisciplinary specialty (6 courses total)
- 1 security specialty OR 1 interdisciplinary specialty (7 courses total)
- 1 customized specialty (7 courses total)

#### A. Security Concentration Options: Three courses within one of the following areas:

##### Intelligence

- INTS 4753 Intelligence and National Security
- INTS 4736 Strategic Intelligence Data Collection and Analysis
- INTS 4985 Strategic Intelligence Problems
- INTS 4587 Intelligence and Military Operations

##### Homeland Security

- INTS 4730 Homeland Security Introduction

- INTS 4731 Homeland Security Prevention
- INTS 4732 Homeland Security Recovery
- INTS 4734 Homeland Security, Civic Society and Human Rights
- INTS 4969 Homeland and National Security Law
- INTS 4147 American Government and Policy Making
- INTS 4907 International Terrorism
- INTS 4983 Public Health and Homeland Security
- INTS 4742 International Weapons Proliferation

##### United States Foreign Policy

- INTS 4147 American Government and Policy-Making
- INTS 4181 The History of American Diplomacy
- INTS 4923 Foreign Policy and Presidential Leadership
- INTS 4712 Congress and U.S. Foreign Policy

##### Regional Security

- INTS 4180 Third World Foreign and Defense Policies
- INTS 4751 European Foreign and Defense Policy
- INTS 4447 Chinese Foreign Policy
- INTS 4384 Middle East Security
- INTS 4760 Russian Foreign and Defense Policy

##### Military Analysis

- INTS 4183 Arms Control
- INTS 4934 Intervention
- INTS 4905 Military History
- INTS 4742 International Weapons Proliferation

#### B. Interdisciplinary Concentration Options, Three courses within one area

- Conflict Resolution
- Development and Security
- Economics and Security
- Human Rights Security

#### 4. **Topics Courses:** Students complete one course in security field beyond security concentration or interdisciplinary concentration

#### 5. **Skill Enhancement:** Two courses (10 credits)

- INTS 4735 Security and Defense Analysis Methods (required)
- AND one Statistics or Writing course, such as: INTS 4051 Intermediate Statistics  
INTS 4020 Preparing a Grant Proposal

#### 6. **Foreign Language Proficiency:** Required

#### 7. **Internship:** Required ( up to 5 credits)

#### 8. **Thesis or Substantial Research Paper (SRP):** Optional but strongly recommended (0-10 credits)

#### 9. **Electives:** Electives to reach a total of **90** credits

## DEGREE DIRECTORS

**David Goldfisher**, Degree Director, Professor

PhD (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**

Those students graduating with a Master of Arts in International Security find themselves working in research, management, and policy level positions in governmental and non-governmental organizations. Examples of where our alumni are now working 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
- Official GRE Test Scores
- 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/](http://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](mailto: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.