Master of Arts in International Security

The International Security program provides education and training from a multi-disciplinary perspective on issues associated with the causes, consequences, and means of preventing and mitigating threats across the range of levels of analysis. The Security Program defines both security and threats broadly and interactively, ranging from and making linkages across traditional systemic/state level threats associated with the use of violence and those associated with the provision of human security at the societal/individual level. Utilizing a diverse faculty and an array of teaching approaches/practical exercises, our aim is allow students to master, analyze, and test theories, policies, and approaches to the challenges of international security as well as develop the analytic and communications skills necessary to become leading practitioners in the security field via the public, private, non-profit, and/or international sectors.

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<td>2 years, full-time</td>
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Degree Requirements

1. **International Studies Core**: Choose from a pair of courses that provide a fundamental understanding of international politics and economy. Core course options are:
   - International Politics OR
   - International Political Economy

2. **Program Training Requirements (6 Courses)**:
   
   A. **Foundations (Three Courses)** Get an in-depth understanding of policy, security and strategic issues through the three program training courses:
      - U.S. Foreign Policy OR
      - U.S. National Security Policy
      - Major Issues in International Security
      - Security and Strategy

   B. **Skills Courses (Two Courses)**: Security skills courses will provide you the expertise to successfully conduct research and analysis in defense-related topics using both qualitative and quantitative techniques.
      - Defense and Security Methods
      - Defense and Security Quantitative Analysis OR Stats in International Affairs

3. **Advanced Topics: Security (One Course)**
   A List of Advanced Topics Courses will be provided with the release of the Korbel Fall Schedule of Each Year. All Advanced Topics will have as pre-requisites the Skill Course listed above. Students may substitute a Substantial Research Paper) or Master’s Thesis for the Advanced Topics Course

3. **Specialization (Choose any Three Course Set)**: Any Three Course Set of 4000 level courses that taken together represent a common topic, region, or other security related specialization. Students are welcome to generate their own by topic/region (which must be approved by the Program Director) or select from the below list of curriculum supported Security Specializations. The phrase “or relevant for credit personal research/analysis” refers to individual work done via an Adv. Topics Course, Independent Study, SRP or Thesis as approved by the Program Director. Options Include:
   A. Regional/Topical: Any student generated & Program Director approved 3 courses as per guidelines above to include relevant for credit personal research/analysis.
B. Intelligence: Intel & US Nat Sec and 2 of Strategic Intel Data Collection/Analysis, Current Issues in Strat Intel, Art of Forecasting, or relevant for credit personal research/analysis.


F. Comparative Foreign Policy: Any 3 of US Foreign Policy (if not counted as Foundation Course), American Government and Policy Making, Russian Foreign and Defense Policy, Making Chinese Foreign and Security Policy, Global Governance, or relevant for credit personal research/analysis.

4. **Security Electives (Two Courses):** Any two additional security courses listed above not being counted as under Program Training Requirements or Security Specialization (above).

5. **Electives:** Additional courses of your preference

6. Additional Information can be found at [www.du.edu/korbel](http://www.du.edu/korbel).

**Internships**

MA students register an average of 225 internships annually, with roughly ½ completed in Colorado, ¼ internationally, and ¼ in the U.S. outside of Colorado. Additionally, roughly ½ of internships occur during the summer and ¼ during the academic year. Some examples of where students have had internships are: Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), U.S. Department of State, Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and NORAD-NORTHCOM.

**Careers**

Graduates of the Josef Korbel School’s MA in International Security degree have pursued careers within the government and consulting fields. Examples of where our alumni are working include: FBI, Department of Homeland Security, Partnership for a Security America, National Security Agency and Booz-Allen Hamilton.

**Graduate Admissions Requirements**

- Application
- Application fee ($65 online fee)
- One official transcript from each higher education institution you have attended (including English translations when applicable). Send transcripts in an official, sealed envelope bearing an official stamp from the Registrar’s Office across the envelope’s seal.
- Official GRE test scores (the University of Denver code is: 4842)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of Purpose (500-750 words)
  - What is your career goal upon completing your graduate degree and what are your longer-term career goals?
  - Explain why you have chosen to pursue a graduate degree and how the degree program you have chosen will prepare you to reach your specific career goals.
  - What skills and previous experiences have helped position you to reach your career goals and how will the Josef Korbel School help you achieve these goals?
- Resume
- Visa eligibility documents (I-20) (International students only)
- TOEFL scores (non-native English speakers) (the University of Denver code is 4842)
Class Profile

- Average GRE Scores (new scoring system):
  - Verbal: 157
  - Quantitative: 151
- Average GPA: 3.41
- Average Age: 26 years
- Age Range: 21-54
- Average Class size: 20
- Females: 55%
- Males: 45%
- Non-US Students: 10.6%
- Citizenships represented: 27
- Each year, about 200 students enroll in the MA programs at the Josef Korbel School

*Please visit the Korbel Handbook on Portfolio (https://portfolio.du.edu/issta) to view up-to-date degree requirements. Degree directors update the handbook through Portfolio throughout the year, so for a more extensive list of course requirements please visit the Portfolio site.*