Master of Arts in International Security

Propel yourself into a career in the security field with the Josef Korbel School’s MA in International Security. Gain an in-depth understanding of the international security environment in the 21st century. Through coursework, class discussions and an internship, you will develop the ability to master complex challenges of the continually changing security field. Throughout the program you will discuss issues and test theories of international security and get experience in policy-making through simulation and table-top exercises.

The MA in International Security prepares our students for careers in management, policy, analysis and research within government and consulting groups, both within the United States and abroad.

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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 Core**: Get an in-depth understanding of policy, security and strategic issues through the program training courses:
   - U.S. Foreign Policy or Major Issues in International Security
   - U.S. National Security Policy or Security and Strategy
3. **Topics and Issues**: Select a combination of three courses to customize your topical focus.
   - Examples of topics and issues include: Security, Defense, Weapons, Arms, Non-proliferation, Conflict, Revolution, War, Terrorism, Intervention, Violence, Intelligence, Foreign Policy, Civil Resistance, Technology, Military or Diplomacy.
4. **Skill Enhancement**: 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 Methods and Policy Analysis I
   - Defense Methods and Policy Analysis II
5. **Electives**: Immerse yourself in a personalized sequence of courses that matter most. With the ability to select a regional or topical focus, the possibilities are infinite. Tailor your coursework to suit your desired career path.
   - Samples of past specialties include: geographic areas (i.e. Latin America, China, the Middle East, and Africa), U.S. Foreign Policy, homeland security, international security, conflict resolution and peacekeeping, and Intelligence.
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 ½ 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: 150
- Average GPA: 3.42
- Average Age: 25 years
- Age Range: 21-54
- Average Class size: 20
- Females: 54%
- Males: 46%
- Non-US Students: 14%
- 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](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.*