why this degree?

The MA trains students to critically engage issues of global conflict and international security. It provides an interdisciplinary overview of key theories as linked to practical policy questions and focused case studies. Students may take the MA from anywhere in the world, proceed at their own pace and study while working. Those who complete the degree will gain a unique set of skills and intellectual tools to advance their careers in the military, international development, diplomacy, global security management and related fields.

The program includes lectures, interviews, and course material from some of the world’s most influential global security thinkers, including U.S. military service chiefs, former officials at the State Department and National Security Council, Pulitzer-Prize winning journalists, human rights activists, and top academics. Key program contributors include: counterinsurgency expert David Kilcullen, law professor Rosa Brooks, best-selling journalists Tom Ricks and Peter Bergen, strategist Peter W. Singer and others.

admission requirements

- Personal statement
- One letter of recommendation
- Undergraduate degree with a 3.0 GPA in the last 60 hours of the degree program
- For those with a Master's degree or higher, a minimum of 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Special considerations will be made on a case-by-case basis
- No GRE is required

application deadlines

Prospective students may submit applications in either the fall or spring semesters, either by early December for the spring semester or early August for the fall semester. Applications will be reviewed year-round.

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The MA in Global Security requires the successful completion of **30 credits of coursework**. Students must take **GSC 501** as well as **GSC 550**, the independent capstone project. All remaining courses are electives. Students may also take electives from other ASU online graduate programs.

**core course**
- **GSC 501** War, Conflict and Security

**elective courses**
- **GSC 502** Security Studies
- **GSC 503** Future of War
- **GSC 504** Understanding Conflict and War
- **GSC 505** Law of War
- **GSC 506** U.S. Politics of Security
- **GSC 507** Global Politics of Security
- **GSC 508** Comparative Studies of Conflict
- **GSC 509** Emerging Technologies and Global Security
- **GSC 510** Governance in Post-Conflict/Transitional Contexts
- **GSC 511** Terrorism and Insurgency
- **GSC 512** Global Trends

**capstone**
- **GSC 550** Capstone (arranged with capstone faculty)

*All courses are 3 credits*

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