

GLOBAL SECURITY STUDIES, MASTER OF ARTS

MA in Global Security Studies (<https://advanced.jhu.edu/academics/graduate/ma-global-security-studies/>)

The Master of Arts in Global Security Studies program is designed for students who are looking to develop or expand their expertise regarding the security challenges of the twenty-first century. Students confront the complexities of today's security environment with the latest policy and theoretical tools for analysis and action. Particular strengths of the program are strategic studies, energy and environmental security, special operations and irregular warfare, and the economic aspects of conflict and competition.

Courses draw from the best in academia and the private and public sectors to offer students the cutting edge in intellectual preparedness for career advancement. Classes are designed to maximize individual attention, encourage student interaction, build analytical skills, and provide the tools for engaging in original research.

This is a 12-course program, with classes offered at the Hopkins Bloomberg Center in Washington, D.C. and online. The degree can be pursued on a part-time or full-time basis, and classes can be taken onsite, online, or through a mix of both modalities. All undergraduate majors are welcome.

Admissions Criteria for All Advanced Academic Programs (<https://e-catalogue.jhu.edu/arts-sciences/advanced-academic-programs/Admission/#admissionrequirements>)

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the materials and credentials required for all programs, the MA in Global Security Studies program also requires:

- **Two Letters of Recommendation**
- **Statement of Purpose:** Please provide a statement, up to one page in length, describing your personal background and/or a part of your life experience that has shaped you or your goals. Feel free to elaborate on personal challenges and opportunities that have influenced your decision to pursue a graduate degree at Johns Hopkins.
- **Applicants should submit a five-page, double-spaced essay on the following:**

"America does not go abroad in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to freedom and independence of all." — John Quincy Adams

This quote reflects the trends in American national security for much of the nation's history. Are the implications that can be drawn from the statement consistent with the demands of American national security in the 21st century? Discuss this problem with regard to a recent policy issue or political event, citing at least three references.

Program Requirements

Students in the MA in Global Security Studies program must complete:

- Four required core courses
- Four customizable core courses
- Four elective courses

A single course cannot satisfy a core and concentration requirement. For example, a student could use AS.470.756 Understanding Modern War, to satisfy a Core Customizable (Writing) or Strategic Studies Concentration requirement, but not both.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses - Required		
<i>Select all of the following:</i>		12
AS.470.603	Introduction to Global Security Studies, Foundations of Global Security ¹	
AS.470.605	Global Political Economy ¹	
AS.470.692	Military Strategy & National Policy ¹	
AS.470.851	Qualitative Methodologies in Social Science ¹	
Core Courses - Customizable (Energy)		
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		3
AS.470.601	Climate Change and National Security	
AS.470.657	Energy, Security, and Defense	
AS.470.773	Energy and Environmental Security	
Core Courses - Customizable (Research)		
<i>Select one of the following:</i>		3
AS.470.853	Historical Methods	
AS.470.854	Fundamentals of Quantitative Methods	
Core Courses - Customizable (Writing)		
<i>Select two of the following:</i>		6
AS.470.606	U.S. Security in a Disordered World	
AS.470.607	Technology in War	
AS.470.632	Security Issues in South Asia	
AS.470.633	Transnational Organized Crime: Gangsters of the Global Underworld	
AS.470.634	Propaganda, Disinformation, and War	
AS.470.640	Challenges of Transnational Security	
AS.470.663	Human Security	
AS.470.696	Fundamentals of Wargaming Analysis	
AS.470.700	Special Operations and Strategy	
AS.470.704	Strategies in Insurgent and Asymmetric Warfare	
AS.470.756	Understanding Modern War	
AS.470.810	Complex Security Studies Analysis	
Elective Courses		
<i>Students pursuing a concentration must select four courses from the concentration list. Students not pursuing a concentration can select any four GSS electives listed below.</i>		12
Total Credits		36

¹ Required courses should be taken as early as possible in a student's degree program.

Strategic Studies Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
AS.470.606	U.S. Security in a Disordered World	3
AS.470.607	Technology in War	3
AS.470.611	Global Terrorist Organizations	3
AS.470.630	Congress and the Making of Foreign Policy	3
AS.470.632	Security Issues in South Asia	3
AS.470.633	Transnational Organized Crime: Gangsters of the Global Underworld	3
AS.470.634	Propaganda, Disinformation, and War	3
AS.470.640	Challenges of Transnational Security	3
AS.470.651	Corruption and Democratic Governance	3
AS.470.653	Russian National Security Policy	3
AS.470.657	Energy, Security, and Defense	3
AS.470.659	Radicalization and Deradicalization in Terror Networks	3
AS.470.663	Human Security	3
AS.470.664	Fundamentals and Applications in Cybersecurity	3
AS.470.665	Thucydides, International Politics, and War	3
AS.470.668	The Politics and Process of American Foreign Policy	3
AS.470.685	The Challenge of Change: Innovation in Military Affairs	3
AS.470.693	Comparative Democracies	3
AS.470.696	Fundamentals of Wargaming Analysis	3
AS.470.700	Special Operations and Strategy	3
AS.470.704	Strategies in Insurgent and Asymmetric Warfare	3
AS.470.713	Resisting Tyranny: Strategic Nonviolent Conflict	3
AS.470.719	Hate Groups and Domestic Terrorism	3
AS.470.725	China's Impact on Global Security	3
AS.470.740	Cyber Strategy and Threat Analysis	3
AS.470.744	Trade and Security	3
AS.470.745	Terrorist Financing Analysis and Counterterrorist Finance Techniques	3
AS.470.746	Iran: Security Policy of a Revolutionary State	3
AS.470.751	Politics and Security in the Middle East	3
AS.470.756	Understanding Modern War	3
AS.470.767	Defense Policy	3
AS.470.775	Great Power Competition	3
AS.470.777	Technology and Terrorism	3
AS.470.784	Technology of Weapons of Mass Destruction	3
AS.470.785	Nuclear Proliferation and Non-Proliferation	3
AS.470.789	International NGOs in Civil Society & Development	3
AS.470.795	The Constitution and National Security	3
AS.470.806	Economics of National Defense	3
AS.470.810	Complex Security Studies Analysis	3
AS.470.835	DC Lab: Politics, Policy, and Analytics	3
AS.472.600	Introduction to Geospatial Intelligence	3
AS.473.600	The Art & Practice of Intelligence	3
AS.473.602	Intelligence Analysis	3
AS.473.605	Strategic Culture Analysis	3
AS.473.609	Introduction to Intelligence in the Five Eyes Community	3

AS.473.610	Analysis of Military Capabilities	3
AS.473.665	Human Intelligence Operations	3

Energy & Environmental Security Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
AS.470.601	Climate Change and National Security	3
AS.470.633	Transnational Organized Crime: Gangsters of the Global Underworld	3
AS.470.640	Challenges of Transnational Security	3
AS.470.653	Russian National Security Policy	3
AS.470.657	Energy, Security, and Defense	3
AS.470.663	Human Security	3
AS.470.665	Thucydides, International Politics, and War	3
AS.470.696	Fundamentals of Wargaming Analysis	3
AS.470.704	Strategies in Insurgent and Asymmetric Warfare	3
AS.470.725	China's Impact on Global Security	3
AS.470.756	Understanding Modern War	3
AS.470.773	Energy and Environmental Security	3
AS.470.775	Great Power Competition	3
AS.470.785	Nuclear Proliferation and Non-Proliferation	3
AS.470.789	International NGOs in Civil Society & Development	3
AS.470.795	The Constitution and National Security	3
AS.470.810	Complex Security Studies Analysis	3
AS.470.835	DC Lab: Politics, Policy, and Analytics	3
AS.420.604	Hydrology & Water Resources	3
AS.420.605	Maritime Law and the Environment	3
AS.420.606	Climate Justice	3
AS.420.608	Oceanic & Atmospheric Processes	3
AS.420.612	Sustainability Science: Concepts and Challenges	3
AS.420.614	Environmental Policymaking and Policy Analysis	3
AS.420.624	Ocean Stewardship and Sustainability	3
AS.420.644	Sustainable Cities	3
AS.420.645	Environmental and Natural Resource Security	3
AS.420.650	International Environmental Policy	3
AS.420.665	Climate Change on the Front Lines: The Study of Adaptation in Developing Countries	3
AS.420.668	Sustainable Food Systems	3
AS.420.676	Global Scarcity in Freshwater Systems: Crisis and Solutions	3
AS.420.679	International Water: Issues and Policies	3
AS.425.601	Principles and Applications of Energy Technology	3
AS.425.602	Science of Climate Change and its Impact	3
AS.425.603	Climate Change Policy Analysis	3
AS.425.604	Energy & Climate Finance	3
AS.425.620	Climate Risk: Society and The Economy	3
AS.425.637	International Climate Change Policy	3
AS.425.638	Adaptation to Climate Change	3
AS.425.639	Energy Markets and Strategy from Europe to Asia	3
AS.425.645	Global Energy Policy	3
AS.425.647	Energy and Water Security in South Asia	3
AS.425.651	The Electric Grid: Technology and Policy	3

AS.425.652	Nuclear Energy: Technology, Policy, and Regulations	3
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Economic Security Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
AS.470.601	Climate Change and National Security	3
AS.470.607	Technology in War	3
AS.470.631	Economics for Public Decision-Making	3
AS.470.633	Transnational Organized Crime: Gangsters of the Global Underworld	3
AS.470.640	Challenges of Transnational Security	3
AS.470.651	Corruption and Democratic Governance	3
AS.470.653	Russian National Security Policy	3
AS.470.657	Energy, Security, and Defense	3
AS.470.663	Human Security	3
AS.470.664	Fundamentals and Applications in Cybersecurity	3
AS.470.665	Thucydides, International Politics, and War	3
AS.470.689	NGOs in Development and Global Policy-Making	3
AS.470.696	Fundamentals of Wargaming Analysis	3
AS.470.704	Strategies in Insurgent and Asymmetric Warfare	3
AS.470.725	China's Impact on Global Security	3
AS.470.740	Cyber Strategy and Threat Analysis	3
AS.470.744	Trade and Security	3
AS.470.745	Terrorist Financing Analysis and Counterterrorist Finance Techniques	3
AS.470.756	Understanding Modern War	3
AS.470.766	Economic Growth: The Politics of Development in Asia, Africa and Beyond	3
AS.470.773	Energy and Environmental Security	3
AS.470.775	Great Power Competition	3
AS.470.789	International NGOs in Civil Society & Development	3
AS.470.795	The Constitution and National Security	3
AS.470.806	Economics of National Defense	3
AS.470.810	Complex Security Studies Analysis	3
AS.470.835	DC Lab: Politics, Policy, and Analytics	3
AS.420.605	Maritime Law and the Environment	3
AS.420.606	Climate Justice	3
AS.420.624	Ocean Stewardship and Sustainability	3
AS.425.604	Energy & Climate Finance	3
AS.425.620	Climate Risk: Society and The Economy	3
AS.425.639	Energy Markets and Strategy from Europe to Asia	3

General Electives

Code	Title	Credits
AS.470.602	Government & Politics	3
AS.470.643	Text as Data	3
AS.470.644	Democracy and Its Modern Critics	3
AS.470.714	Contemporary Politics of Latin America	3
AS.470.721	Comparative Federalism: The United States and the European Union	3
AS.470.723	Western Political and Constitutional Thought	3
AS.470.776	Nationalism in the Democratic Age	3
AS.470.779		3

AS.472.611	Analyzing Social Media and Geospatial Information	3
AS.473.604	Applied Critical Thinking and Analysis	3
AS.473.606	Legal Issues in Intelligence	3
AS.473.607	Intelligence Ethics	3
AS.473.611	Private Sector Intelligence	3
AS.473.644	Technical Collection of Intelligence	3
AS.473.663	The Intelligence-Policy Nexus	3
AS.473.668	Intelligence to Secure the Homeland and Hometown	3