

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Students who complete the Graduate Certificate in International Security will gain a greater understanding of how and why organized violence is used in contemporary world politics. They will learn to explain the outbreaks, durations, and terminations of war; the causes of human suffering during wartime; and the ways in which human beings can suffer from insecurity even during times of peace. In doing so, students will gain experience of using a variety of theoretical approaches. There will be a heavy emphasis on research methods and research design. The certificate is designed to prepare students to become competent analysts of contemporary and future international security issues.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this certificate, students will be able to:

1. Identify and describe theories of International Relations as they relate to international security studies.
2. Explain complex phenomena with reference to academic theories and concepts.
3. Produce rigorous research into international security topics, and convey findings to diverse audiences.

Program Requirements Effective Fall 2023

Additional course work may be required due to prerequisites.

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 531	International Security Studies	3
Select a minimum of 9 credits from the following:		9
POLS 533	Advanced Topics in US Foreign Policy	
POLS 534	International Environmental Security	
POLS 535	Emerging Threats in International Security	
PPA 540	International Policy Toolkit	
PPA 542	Policy Accountability–Non-Democratic Regimes	
PPA 544	Ethics and Efficacy–Global Policymaking	
Program Total Credits:		12

*This certificate may have courses in common with other graduate certificates. A student may earn more than one certificate, but a given course may be counted only in one certificate.