

2021 – 2022

## 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 to 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.

At the completion of the Security Curriculum, students will have a clear understanding of the foundational concepts, theories, and approaches associated with the study and practice of international security and are able to relate these approaches to each other and to real world security challenges. In addition, students will have developed the analytic, professional, and communications skills necessary to provide and articulate professional level analysis as well as developed one or more sub-areas of expertise within the international security field.

### Curriculum Overview:

Candidates must complete sixty (60) credit hours.

All International Security majors must enroll in INTS 4735 at their first opportunity, and complete INTS 4051 or INTS 4057 in their first year. Advanced Topics Courses cannot be taken until a student has completed the aforementioned courses, as well as any foundational course that are pre-requisites for those courses. Thus, all International Security students are strongly encouraged to complete INTS 4091, Degree Core coursework, and the Skills coursework in their first three to four quarters at the Josef Korbel School.

### Degree Requirements:

**1. Korbel Core** - two courses **(8 credits):**

- INTS 4091 - Great Issues in International Relations (*offered each Fall quarter; take as early in the program as possible*)
- INTS 4090 – Values-Based Leadership in International and Public Affairs (*offered each Winter quarter; take as late in the program as possible*)

**2. Degree Core**- three courses **(12 credits):**

- INTS 4700 - U.S. Foreign Policy **or** INTS 4701 - U.S. National Security Policy
- INTS 4702 – Emerging Issues in International Security
- INTS 4703 – Foundations of Security

**3. Skills Courses** - three courses **(12 credits):**

- INTS 4051 – Statistical Methods II\* or INTS 4057 – Statistics I & II\*\*
- INTS 4735 - Defense and Security Methods
- INTS 4676 – Advanced Topics in Security

\* Prerequisites: INTS 4735 **and** either INTS 4051 or INTS 4057

*\* Students must complete INTS 4050 - Statistical Methods I (with a grade of C- or better) before they are eligible to register for INTS 4051 - Statistical Methods II. Students will receive elective credit for completing INTS 4050, but it cannot be used to satisfy the skills requirement for the degree.*

*\*\* Students may take INTS 4057 - Statistics I & II, instead of INTS 4051 - Statistical Methods II, if they have a strong quantitative background. This is a fast-paced course and combines what is taught in Statistics I and Statistics II, so only take INTS 4057 if you are confident in your ability to keep up in such an environment.*

**4. Specialization Area Requirement: three courses (12 credits):**

Each student creates a specialization area by completing at least three courses that are linked thematically. Specializations may center on an issue, region, or skill set. Students are required to complete at least one specialization but may also choose to complete a second specialization. Students have considerable latitude in the design of their selected specialization area, but must have it approved by the International Security degree director. Students choosing to complete a graduate Certificate may use three of those Certificate classes to form a specialization.

Popular options currently supported by the broader Korbel curriculum include: Intelligence, Homeland Security, Emerging Security Issues, US National Security, Comparative Foreign Policy, Gender and Security, Conflict Resolution, Global Health Affairs, Development, Human Rights and/or Human Security, Data Analysis, and region focuses (Middle East, China, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, etc.).

**5. Foreign Language:** Optional, but strongly recommended

**6. Internship:** Required (registered as INTS 4981, for 0 or 4 credits)

- Please see the Internship section of the Handbook for more details

**7. Thesis (0-8 credits) or Substantial Research Paper (0-4 credits):** Optional

**8. Electives:** quantity will depend on remaining number of credits needed to reach the minimum requirements of **60 credits**.

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