Global Security & Development Program in Washington DC
Fall Semester 2023

About the Program

Each fall, Maxwell-in-Washington’s Global Security and Development Program (GSDP) welcomes graduate and professional students of international relations from the Maxwell School, other schools and colleges at Syracuse University, and partners such as the Josef Korbel School at the University of Denver, The Graduate School of Public & International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh, and The Fletcher School at Tufts University for an intensive semester of internships, coursework, and networking in the nation’s capital.

Why Washington?

Take your courses where policy becomes reality; in the heart of Washington, DC, a city at the intersection of the public and private sectors that hosts almost 400 think tanks and thousands of NGOs. Our program places you in a prime location for networking within your field of study. Learn from world class scholar-practitioners as federal and international policy is designed and implemented just blocks away.

GSDP in DC arms you with the practical knowledge you need to excel, all while accommodating your work schedule through evening courses.

Program Format

Students complete a full-time internship during the day and enroll in two to three evening seminars at our headquarters at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in midtown Washington, D.C., developing a firm understanding of the issues, institutions and procedures involved in international and national security and global development. Our cohort is a dynamic mix of early- and mid-career professionals from four different institutions.

- 15% of interns receive direct job offers
- Our students intern with around 150 institutions in one year
- Organizations value professionals with real-world work experience
Recent Graduate Internships

- Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Middle East Institute
- World Bank
- Atlantic Council
- Center for Strategic and International Studies
- Department of the Treasury
- World Wildlife Fund
- US Department of State
- Search for Common Ground
- National Defense University (NDU)
- UNICEF: Public Partnerships Division

Sample GSDP Courses

- Strategic Foresight for International Relations
- China’s Rise & Challenges to Global Order
- Human Security, Sustainability, and Climate Change
- Economic Statecraft
- Fragility to Resilience: New Approaches to Global Development
- Issues in Public Diplomacy
- Sustainable Development, Security and the Frontier of Finance

Reserve Your Space

Contact your graduate school to receive more information on the application process for the GSDP in Washington, DC or email us at

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Full course descriptions and professor bios can be found here:

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