

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.

[Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin.](#)

Learning Objectives

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.