

# Security Studies, MA

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## Modality

On Campus

## Program URL

<https://css.georgetown.edu/academics/ssp/>

The Security Studies Program is a multidisciplinary master's degree designed to prepare graduates for positions within the defense and security fields. The SSP curriculum is designed to give students a broad array of course options addressing numerous areas of study.

At SSP, young professionals are able to apply their recent theoretical undergraduate education to practical policy applications. Meanwhile, students with mid- to long-term experience in the military, intelligence, and defense contracting sectors enhance their practical knowledge with critical thinking, analytical writing, and theory-based solutions. Class sizes are capped at 18 students, allowing students to learn not only from their professors, but from their peers.

## Academic Policies

Students in the Security Studies program are expected to comply with policies set forth in the Graduate Bulletin.

## Requirements

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To receive a Master of Arts in Security Studies, students must complete 36 credits meeting the following course requirements:

- Theory and Practice of Security in the first semester of the program.
- Strategy, Policy, and Military Operations in the first semester of the program.
- One core course in the chosen area of concentration in the first or second semester.
- Three additional courses in the chosen concentration
- A minimum of eight courses (24 credits) sponsored by the Security Studies program
- One course in each of the following substantive areas: Area Security Studies, Economics and Security, and Technology and Security.
- Three SSP-approved free electives.

Students must also maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.000 or higher and pass a four-hour typed comprehensive examination during their final Spring or Fall semester in the program.

### Required Examinations

All students must pass a written comprehensive exam during their final semester in the program.