



Comprehensive Action Plan

Master of Arts in Security Policy Studies *Online*

Plan of Study

Name: _____ GW Email: _____ GWid: _____

Reason: _____

I understand that I must complete 40 credits for this Master of Arts degree and I should select courses according to the SPS curriculum (available in the University Bulletin) and in consultation with my Program Director.

ENTER TOTAL CREDITS LISTED: _____

| Course | Course Title | (Credits)/Semester | Course | Course Title | (Credits)/Semester |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---|--------------|--------------------|
| Core Field (6 credits) Each course has a linked discussion section. | | | Skills Courses (3 credits) | | |
| IAFF 6161: | International Security (Fall) | (3) | _____ | _____ | () |
| IAFF 6162: | Security Policy Analysis (Spring) | (3) | _____ | _____ | () |
| Concentration (15 credits) Each concentration contains one required course and four additional concentration courses. | | | TOOL Requirement (0-3 credits) Select one of the following two options. | | |
| Title: U.S. National Security | | | _____ () | | |
| Required Course: | | | Language: _____ | | |
| _____ () | | | Method of Completion: _____ | | |
| Additional Courses: | | | Full descriptions of each method of assessment available online. | | |
| _____ () | | | Target Completion Semester: _____ | | |
| _____ () | | | *I understand that I must complete the language proficiency requirement via one of the above methods to receive my degree. | | |
| _____ () | | | INITIAL HERE: <input type="text"/> | | |
| _____ () | | | Capstone (4 credits) | | |
| Electives (9-12 credits) 9 credits if TOOL Requirement is satisfied with analytical course. 12 credits if TOOL Requirement is satisfied with language option. | | | Must be completed during final two semesters. | | |
| _____ () | | | IAFF 6898: _____ (2) | | |
| _____ () | | | IAFF 6899: _____ (2) | | |
| _____ () | | | Thesis Option (6 credits) | | |
| _____ () | | | With approval from your Program Director, a thesis may be completed in addition to the capstone. In consultation with your Program Director, you can adjust the number of credits in the elective field of your curriculum to accommodate the 6 credits of thesis research. | | |
| _____ () | | | IAFF 6998: _____ (3) | | |
| _____ () | | | IAFF 6999: _____ (3) | | |

Comments: _____



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CAREER GOALS

What goal or dream brought you to Elliott?

What is your goal immediately after graduation?

What is your long-term career goal?

What organizations interest you?

What are two challenges that you might face in reaching your career goals (i.e. security clearances, financial needs, visa requirements)?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____

What are three things that you aim to get out of your graduate school experiences (i.e. skills, international experience, foreign language, connections, etc.)?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

SKILLS ASSESSMENT

List your top three current professional skills and abilities.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

How do you envision utilizing these skills/abilities in your future career?

List any current foreign language abilities and the proficiency level.

What can you do to start building the language proficiency needed for your career? (If language proficiency is not required for your program, please write N/A.)

ACADEMIC PLAN

Briefly explain how your chosen academic concentration(s) or specialization(s) connect to your career goals.

CAREER STRATEGY

What are 1-2 action steps you will take to help you move towards achieving the goals you've outlined above?