

USC SCHOOL	Dornsife
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT	Spatial Sciences Institute
GRADUATE PROGRAM	Global Securities Studies
POST CODE	1819
TERM EFFECTIVE DATE	Spring 2021

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A brief description of the graduate program.

The Master of Arts in Global Security Studies is an innovative two-year program designed to prepare students for careers in public service, the private sector or the nongovernmental organization (NGO) arena to contribute in the ever-expanding global civil society. The Global Security Studies program leverages the interdisciplinary strengths of four world-class entities: the School of International Relations in the USC Department of Political Science and International Relations, the USC Shoah Foundation, the USC Spatial Sciences Institute, and the USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies.

COMMON BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM PATHWAYS

A list of common bachelor's degrees that undergraduate students pursue in advance of pursuing a progressive degree option with this graduate program. Some programs are restricted to certain majors while others are open to all students.

Human Security and Geospatial Intelligence	Political Science
International Relations	Environmental Studies
Intelligence and Cyber Operations	Global Studies
NGOs and Social Change	Law, History and Culture

PREPARATORY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

A list of courses at the undergraduate level that prepare students for the graduate program. Required coursework is listed first, followed by recommended courses. If not applicable, this section will be blank.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Required or Recommended	Units
SSCI 301L	Maps and Spatial Reasoning	Recommended	4
SSCI 401	Geospatial Intelligence	Recommended	4
IR 210gw	International Relations: Introductory Analysis	Recommended	4
POSC 130g	Law, Politics and Public Policy	Recommended	4

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES USED TO REDUCE GRADUATE LEVEL UNITS

A list of undergraduate level courses that may be used to reduce the number of graduate level units required for the graduate program. If there are none, that is specified instead.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
SSCI 301L	Maps and Spatial Reasoning	4
SSCI 382L	Geographic Information Science: Spatial Analytics	4

CORE GRADUATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (# units required)

A list of all required graduate courses for the graduate program. None of these courses may be used toward satisfying undergraduate degree requirements.

If special exceptions for any of these courses are made by the academic department, the course # is marked with an asterisk () and the exception is explained in the "Department Notes" section at the end of this course plan template.*

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
GSEC 501	Foundations of Global Security	4
GSEC 510	Security and Global Governance	4
GSEC 597	Global Security Practicum	4
GSEC 530	Human Impact of Genocide and Mass Violence	4
SSCI 581	Concepts for Spatial Thinking	4
SSCI 577	Human Security and Disaster Management	4
SSCI 588	Remote Sensing for GIS	4
GSEC 511*	Transnational Crime and Global Illicit Networks	4
GSEC 512*	National Intelligence and the Shaping of Policy	4
GSEC 521*	Human Security and Humanitarian Intervention4	4
GSEC 522*	Global Human Rights	4
ENST 500*	Interdisciplinary Approaches to Environmental Studies	4
ENST 520*	Environmental Law and Policy	4

PRE-APPROVED ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

Elective coursework is approved at the discretion of the academic department. Note the following details about the total number and units required of elective coursework.

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TOTAL ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE

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TOTAL ELECTIVE UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE

TOTAL UNIT COUNTS AND REQUIRED GRADUATE UNITS

36	TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE
4	TOTAL GRADUATE UNITS THAT MAY BE WAIVED (IF ANY)
32	MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRADUATE UNITS THAT MUST BE AT THE 500 LEVEL OR ABOVE

NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT

This section highlights any unique considerations, exceptions, or requirements for the graduate program. If a program has specific restrictions (courses, majors, etc.), they are detailed below.

Students who complete SSCI 301 AND SSCI 382 as undergraduates may have SSCI 581 waived.

*Students must choose a track that will determine their elective courses. They are only required to complete the courses associated with their track. The tracks are:

Intelligence and Security

GSEC 511*	Transnational Crime and Global Illicit Networks
GSEC 512*	National Intelligence and the Shaping of Policy

Human Security and Humanitarian Intervention

GSEC 521*	Human Security and Humanitarian Intervention ⁴
GSEC 522*	Global Human Rights

Environmental Security

ENST 500*	Interdisciplinary Approaches to Environmental Studies
ENST 520*	Environmental Law and Policy

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Date Approved

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