



Master of Arts in International Affairs and Leadership

The Master of Arts in International Affairs and Leadership through ASU Online, offered by the School of Politics and Global Studies, empowers graduates to be future leaders in the global arena. In partnership with the Leadership, Diplomacy and National Security Lab, this program establishes a dynamic and active learning environment led by senior international affairs professionals from the public and private sectors. Students will learn real-world, character-driven leadership skills and gain a strong foundation in international affairs and U.S. foreign policy in this program taught by experienced professionals.

Lead with character at home and abroad

The program will prepare graduates for the complex international environment through extensive exposure to topics such as character-driven leadership, national security, human rights, foreign policy and global economics.



Coursework will be held online and will focus on current challenges and future trends.



Classes are led by top foreign policy and national security experts who have vast experience developing policy and leading programs.



The program stresses practical applications and case studies of international affairs issues, and hands-on experience.



Students will spend two weeks in D.C. during the beginning and end of the program.



A high-value education at a very competitive cost, compared to top tier programs.

The edge to succeed

Graduates of the program will be prepared for this complex international environment through extensive exposure to topics such as foreign policy, national security, international trade, human rights issues and character-driven leadership. The program will utilize the unique expertise of former ambassadors and leading experts to teach the classes as well as to guide students of the program as they either enter or continue in the workforce.

Students will be highly competitive for careers in government agencies, diplomacy, the U.S. military, intelligence community, non-profit organizations and private sector firms focusing on global business. Graduates will be particularly well positioned to obtain roles as analysts and program managers in U.S. government agencies such as the Department of State and the U.S. Foreign Service, as well as to obtain leadership positions in both the U.S. Armed Forces and the U.S. Department of Defense.



“Our Modern Global Economy course will offer Masters Candidates the opportunity to delve into cutting edge issues facing policy makers and business leaders, such as how international trade rules affect business decisions, promoting innovation, and fostering economic growth in developing countries.”

— Ambassador Catherine Novelli, Former Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment



“In our volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous world, we need character-driven leaders with solutions. Our Master of Arts in International Affairs and Leadership will develop leaders who commit to doing the right thing, for the right reasons, in the right way.”

— Lieutenant General Benjamin C. Freakley, USA (Ret.)