

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NATIONAL SECURITY (M.S.)

Purpose

The Master of Science in National Security program prepares current national security professionals, students aspiring to national security careers, and students interested in the study of national security for leadership, research, and scholarly opportunities in national security analysis, policy, and execution.

Program Specific Admissions Requirements

In addition to the general admission requirements, specific requirements for admission to the Master of Science in National Security (M.S.) are as follows:

1. Earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.).
2. An undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above (on a 4.00 scale).
3. TOEFL Scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper –based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test)

Students who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement may be admitted on Academic Caution status. Applicants who hold a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.00 to 2.99 on a 4.00 scale may be eligible for admission on Academic Caution.

Transfer Credit

Students may transfer up to 18 hours of graduate-level credit from an accredited institution. In order to transfer credit, students must have earned the minimum grade of B-, and courses must have been completed within 10 years of the start date of the student's program at Liberty University. Credits from a prior degree on the same academic level earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Prescribe responses to contemporary and anticipated threats to national security.
- Analyze the structures, functions, capabilities, and activities of national and international security community members.
- Apply a Christian worldview to aspects of the national security context.
- Apply knowledge of the literature in the discipline of national security to research and analysis of national security strategy, policy and execution.

Programs of Study

Delivery Format: Online Only

- National Security (M.S.)
- National Security (M.S.) - Homeland Security

Career Opportunities

- Cryptologist
- Defense Program Project Manager
- Elected Official
- Federal Law Enforcement Officer
- Foreign Affairs Officer
- Government Manager/Executive
- Industrial Security Analyst
- Intelligence Analyst
- Legislative Aide
- Logistics Specialist
- National Security Analyst
- Policy Analyst
- Research Specialist
- Secret Service Member
- Security Officer
- Teacher/Professor