



**Interdisciplinary  
Studies**

# **ACCELERATED MASTERS DEGREE WAR AND THE MILITARY IN SOCIETY**

*Study of war and security in the past, present and future*

## **Program Highlights**

War and the Military in Society (WMS) equips students with skills and knowledge to evaluate, analyze, and solve problems related to the use of organized violence surrounding the instruments of national defense, including questions of:

- national security
- international relations
- defense policymaking
- domestic policy
- fiscal policy
- legal policy
- social policy

Students use historical and contemporary case studies to better understand the dilemmas and opportunities facing policymakers and military professionals. Recent events have demonstrated the degree to which military issues affect social groups, global politics, and the world economy. The ways that armies are raised and funded, the reasons troops serve, the conditions military personnel and civilians endure during wartime, and the ways that nations conceive their military apparatus all have direct bearing on future policy decisions.

Students access faculty and their expertise across the university including the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution and the Schar School of Policy and Government.

For the most up-to-date accelerated masters application and degree requirements visit:  
**[mais.gmu.edu/prospective/for-undergraduates](https://mais.gmu.edu/prospective/for-undergraduates)**

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## Degree Requirements - 36 Total Credits

### Interdisciplinary Perspectives on War and the Military in Society - 27 Credits

- Electives chosen from 2 or more perspectives: Historical, Contemporary Policy, Theoretical, Practical or Applied.

### Research Methods Course - 3 Credits

### MAIS 793 Integrated Learning Experience - 3 Credits

### Capstone Project or Thesis - 3 Credits

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## Accelerated Masters Classes

### Advanced Standing Courses

Up to 12 credits, with a minimum grade of B in each; courses listed are 3 credits unless otherwise noted

**GOVT 605** International Relations

**HIST 607** Topics in the American Civil War Era

**HIST 631** Era of the American Revolution

**PUBP 504** Grand Strategy

**PUBP 506** Ethics and the Use of Force

### Reserve Graduate Credit Courses

Up to 6 credits, taken while an undergraduate, and will only apply to the graduate degree program

**BIOD 609** Biodefense Strategy

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## MAIS: A Master's With A Mission

The Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS) program in the College of Humanities & Social Sciences consists of multiple established degree paths that exist in partnership with academic units and faculty across the University. It offers a home for students with broad academic interests who seek a master's degree to help them to create a better world. While their degree paths may vary dramatically, our students share a desire to address critical problems facing the world today.

### Available Degree Paths

Computational Social Science - Energy and Sustainability  
Individualized Studies - Religious Studies - Social Entrepreneurship  
Social Justice and Human Rights - War and the Military in Society  
Women and Gender Studies