Interested in a Career in National Security? Consider the MA-Security Studies

POTENTIAL CAREERS:
- Intelligence Analysis
- Counterterrorism
- Diplomacy
- Intelligence Operations
- Military Careers
- Risk Analysis
- Consulting

DESIGNED FOR THE REAL-WORLD NATIONAL SECURITY JOB MARKET:

We live in a world, where national security issues often dominate the policy agenda. In response to the growing need for national security professionals, the Department of Political Science at the University of Akron offers the Master of Arts Degree in Political Science-Security Studies. This course of study is intended to prepare professionals in the world of national security occupations. Recent job placements:

- Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Department of State (DOS)
- Department of Defense (DOD)
- United Nations (UN)
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

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Contact Professor Karl Kaltenthaler, at kck@uakron.edu or call 330-421-8999 for questions.
Admission Requirements

Admissions are rolling. Students will be considered for admission year-round!

For admission to a graduate program in the Department of Political Science, an applicant should provide the following:

1. A completed application form (available online at www.uakron.edu/admissions/graduate).
2. A one-page personal statement of purpose, describing the applicant’s interests and goals in pursuing graduate study in Political Science.
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended.
4. For international students only, official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
5. Three letters of recommendation (for MA applicants the letters should come from two academic sources familiar with the applicant’s course work, research activities, and other qualities relating to successful academic potential.
6. The GRE is not required.

An applicant for graduate study in the Department of Political Science will have earned a minimum 3.0 GPA overall (on a 4.0 scale) on their undergraduate degree OR a 3.0 GPA for their last 64 hours of course work and a 3.0 GPA in political science course work.

International Students

Also, as determined by the graduate school, international students admitted to graduate study in Political Science must achieve a minimum score of 550 on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or 213 in the computer-based TOEFL or 79 or higher on the internet-based TOEFL.
Security Studies MA: Requirements and Course Offerings

(1) Department Required Seminars (9 credits)
   - 600  Scope and Theory
   - 601  Research Methods
   - 603  Scholarly Writing and Professional Development in Political Science

(2) Track Required Seminars (6 credits)*
   - 610  Seminar in International Politics
   - 612  Seminar in Security Studies
*Neither an Independent Study nor Internship credits count as a graduate seminar.

(3) Fifteen Additional Graduate Credits (500 or 600 level)
   - 3700: 545 Al Qaeda and ISIS
   - 3700: 510 International Security Policy
   - 3700: 514 Wealth and Power (Int’l Political Economy)
   - 3700: 546 National Security Intelligence
   - 3700: 547 Counterterrorism
   - 3700: 500 Political Extremism and Violence
   - 3700: 513 Global Public Health Threats
   - 3700: 563 Human Rights in World Politics
   - 3700: 622 Alternatives to Violence
   - 3700: 620 Seminar in Comparative Politics
   - 3700: 611 Seminar in War and Insurgency
   - 3700: 630 Seminar in National Politics
   - 3350: 505 Geographic Information Systems
   - 3350: 547 Remote Sensing
   - 3350: 549 Advanced Remote Sensing

TOTAL = 30 credits: 24 credits must be at the 600-level

(4) Defense of MA Essay of Distinction
(5) Pass Comprehensive Exam
Michael Morell

Michael Morell, former Acting Director and Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and a University of Akron alum, is an advisor to the Security Studies Master’s Program.

Faculty in Security Studies

**David B. Cohen**, Ph.D. University of South Carolina, 2000, Professor.  
Fields: American Politics: Presidency and Congress; International Relations: American Foreign Policy and Process

Fields: Comparative Politics, Globalization and Policy Making, Political Economy, Political Behavior, Public Opinion, International Relations, and American Foreign Policy

**Karl Kaltenthaler**, Ph.D. Washington University, St. Louis, 1995, Professor and Director of Security Studies.  
Fields: Terrorism, ISIS, Al Qaeda and Affiliates, Political Extremism, Middle East and South Asia Security Politics, Public Opinion.

**Terrence M. O’Sullivan**, Ph.D., University of Southern California, 2003, Assistant Professor.  
Fields: Security Studies, Terrorism, Global Public Health, Natural Disasters, International Political Economy, Global Governance, Terrorism, Science and Technology Policy, and Comparative Politics

Fields: International Relations and European Security Policy