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Admissions Requirements

To qualify for admission to the online Master of Defense and Strategic Studies program, you must:

- Complete and submit a graduate admissions application.
- Submit official transcripts in accordance with the requirements of the Graduate School.
- Have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university.
- Demonstrate academic achievement and potential as indicated by the results of the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). This requirement is waived if you already possess an accredited graduate degree.
- Write a brief statement of purpose (1-2 pages) that outlines your educational and career goals, as well as your reasons for pursuing this degree.
- Provide three letters of recommendation from individuals that can evaluate your ability to succeed in a rigorous graduate program (letters from former instructors are preferred; letters from employers or work supervisors are also acceptable).

Note: Admissions packages are evaluated utilizing all of the requirements listed above. There are no minimum scores required.

Curriculum

As a student in the online Master of Defense and Strategic Studies program, you’re required to successfully complete 12 courses (36 semester credit hours). It’s possible for you to complete the program entirely online and graduate in as few as 12 months.

Core Coursework

DSS 5300  U.S. National Security
DSS 5301  Strategic Theory and Modern Warfare
DSS 5302  Global Security
DSS 5303  Low-Intensity Conflict
DSS 5304  Information Operations
DSS 5305  Cyberwarfare
DSS 5310  Strategic Survey of the Americas
DSS 5311  Strategic Survey of Africa
DSS 5312  Strategic Survey of Europe
DSS 5313  Strategic Survey of the Middle East
DSS 5314  Strategic Survey of Asia
DSS 5320  Future Warfare

Total Credits: 36

Note: Curriculum is subject to change.