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Issues that impact the global community are complex and incredibly nuanced. Leaders rely on those who can analyze these issues, communicate information effectively, and make informed recommendations.

Deepen your knowledge of the inner workings of policy on the global stage through this 100% online Penn State certificate program. The 12-credit Graduate Certificate in International Affairs can give you the skills you need to effectively address the central tenets of diplomacy and international relations. You can learn how governments gather information, analyze reports, and weigh the impact of intelligence findings on the actions of policymakers.

This four-course program is designed to be asynchronous, so you will not be required to log in at a specific time and you can complete your weekly assignments at your preferred pace over the course of several days. You will also have opportunities to engage with other students in your courses, helping you gain a network of peers who share your professional interests.

As a graduate of the international affairs graduate certificate program, you can build career options in areas such as international relations, public policy, intelligence, defense policy, military affairs, counterterrorism, diplomacy, international organizations, law enforcement, international business, international law, international education, economic development, international environmental policy, and international energy policy.



Curriculum

To earn this certificate, you must successfully complete the following courses:

INTAF 802: Foundations of Diplomacy and International Relations Theory (3 credits)

Address the central tenets of diplomacy and international relations as well as theories and concepts that underpin the study of international relations.

INTAF 812: The Role of Intelligence in International Relations (3 credits)

Examine how governments gather intelligence, how intelligence is analyzed, and what impact it has on policymakers.

INTAF 817: Weapons of Mass Destruction and International Security (3 credits)

Explore how nuclear weapons revolutionized thinking about war and peace among major powers and how they can become a primary focus of international diplomacy.

INTAF 890: Colloquium on Current Policy Challenges (3 credits)

Seminars that consist of series of individual lectures by faculty, students, or outside speakers.

At the discretion of the certificate program head, substitution of one relevant 3-credit course from an appropriate unit may be possible in some cases.

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Begin Your Application Today

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Did You Know?

- › Current course offerings allow for this certificate to be completed within a year.
- › The courses within this certificate were developed by highly regarded faculty from the Penn State School of International Affairs.
- › Penn State credits and degrees earned online are identical to those earned by resident students.

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