

University of Massachusetts, Lowell – Graduate Program in Security Studies

The Graduate Program in Security Studies within the School of Criminology and Justice Studies at the University of Massachusetts Lowell offers an enriching educational experience for students pursuing a broad range of careers in the private and public sector including local, state and federal government agencies, defense contractors, research firms and advanced technology companies. Students are admitted into this program from a wide array of undergraduate and professional backgrounds. The Program offers many options tailored to fit the wide range of needs and interests of students and professionals. Students can earn a 30-credit Master of Arts or a Master of Sciences degree, depending on the area of concentration they choose:

- Cybersecurity
- Homeland Defense
- Industrial and Economic Security
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- CBRNE Security
- International Security

The curriculum of the MA and MS programs reflect the interdisciplinary nature of security studies, integrating and amplifying the expertise of faculty in many departments and colleges throughout UMass Lowell, and building upon the well-established reputation of the graduate programs in the sciences, technology, and behavioral sciences. The degree requires the completion of 10 courses:

5 Core Courses:

- Contemporary Security Studies
- Intelligence Analysis: Policy and Practice
- Scientific and Technological Dimensions of National Security
- Research Design and Methods
- Security Studies Capstone Research Paper

5 Elective Courses:

- Electives are chosen by the student from among dozens offered university-wide to meet specific Areas of Concentration. In some cases, a course may be taken at another accredited institution to fulfill an elective course requirement.

Students can fulfill all Master's degree or graduate certificate requirements through courses offered on-campus or online. There is no residency requirement, and qualified international students are accepted into the Master's degree or graduate certificate programs. GRE scores are required for admission to the Master's degree program, but not for the graduate certificate program.

The University of Massachusetts, Lowell is granted accreditation through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

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