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MASTER OF ARTS IN
International Relations
Online
Our Mission

The Master of International Relations online program prepares tomorrow’s ethical leaders for global impact today. Individuals eager to explore the international landscape can learn the political, cultural, and geographical elements involved in international relations through an online learning environment that fosters creativity and critical thinking. With a dedication to deep research, we can help you excel in your area of interest and prepare for global service in various international relations fields.

Program Overview

International relations are constantly evolving. Today’s global thought leaders must, too.

The way global actors respond to international issues affects every aspect of modern society. Expand your expertise with the Master of Arts in International Relations online graduate program from Norwich University. With us, you can confidently begin your international relations or academic career, or progress even further. Use your new perspective and mindset to help drive cultural, political, or operational change within your organization and beyond.

International relations encompasses many subjects. The field blends aspects of political science, diplomacy, philosophy, psychology, economics, law, human rights, and diplomacy. As a student of international relations, you can examine the role of state and non-state actors on the global stage, explore different schools of thought, including constructivism and realism, and build your critical thinking skills. Because of the field’s wide scope, our students can receive a well-rounded education, conduct deep research, and develop the necessary mindset, skills, and experience to successfully operate at an international level.

Our Outcomes

Students will demonstrate:

- A deep understanding of the geopolitical, economic, and cultural factors involved in international relations.
- Competence in a functional area of research, such as international security, national security, international development, or cyber diplomacy.
- A proficiency in conducting research and presenting final results, both in writing and orally, with the master’s research paper component.
- An ability to carry out independent work, perform effective project management, and use collaborative strategies.

Our Structure

- Four start dates per year: March, June, September and December
- Six credits for each 11-week course
- Complete all coursework in as few as 18 months
- Graduate in as few as 18 – 24 months from your enrollment date
- One-week, on-campus residency and graduation ceremony

Our master’s degree in international relations at a glance:

- Learn online and graduate in as few as 18 months.
- No GRE or GMAT requirement.
- U.S. News & World Report ranks Norwich University in the top 100 for Regional Universities in the North (2018). Rankings are based on undergraduate programs.
- Join almost two centuries of military tradition with the first private military college in the nation and the birthplace of the ROTC program.
With an immigration crisis in the U.S. and across the Atlantic, troubles in the Middle East and new trade agreements, it’s clear that international relations affects not just politicians and diplomats, but all citizens.

The demand for international relations professionals is rising.

Employers today appreciate leaders with global perspective. At Norwich University, you can start developing your new worldview on day one. Prepare to succeed in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse marketplace.

To learn more, contact an enrollment advisor at 1-877-348-8153 or visit us online at https://online.norwich.edu.

An advanced education in international relations can be a stepping stone toward a position of greater influence and financial stability. According to Forbes.com, mid-career professionals working in the international relations field earn a median salary of $97,500, and careers associated with this degree are projected to grow 21% from 2012 to 2022, faster than most occupations.

Below are just some job titles available to professionals with an advanced degree in international relations and the approximate salaries of each.*

- **Federal Government Analyst** $88,983
- **Financial Consultant** $74,165
- **International Research Specialist** $48,714
- **Foreign Ambassador** Up to $179,700
- **Nonprofit Program Manager** $39,000 – $94,000
- **Research Analyst** $33,000 – $71,000
- **Intelligence Analyst** $52,000 – $121,000
- **Foundation Program Officer** $40,000 – $73,000
- **Research Associate** $35,000 – $57,000
- **Policy Advisor** $62,065
- **Lobbyist** $102,966

*Salary information is based on data found on Glassdoor.com, Payscale.com, Salary.com, and State.gov.
Our curriculum. Your interests.

Our program strategically blends theory and practice to help you learn and act like a leader on a global scale. Take convenient online courses that evolve based on global perspectives, theories, and today’s pressing issues. Our research component allows you to apply your knowledge of the complex global arena to a specific topic of your choice. Take your interest in international relations even further with one of five concentrations, including Cyber Diplomacy, International Development, International Security, National Security, and Regions of the World.

With a total of 33 credit hours, our curriculum is designed to be concise, flexible, and relevant so you can reach your potential in international relations with the skills, experience, and confidence you need.

Which concentration is right for you?

While our international relations degree covers many topics, such as economics, human rights, terrorism, and more, you can narrow your focus as well. Choose from five concentrations, each designed with specific interests in mind.

International Security
Examine measures taken by nations to defend themselves against foreign threats and ensure mutual survival, and explore the effect of foreign policies and world politics on the international landscape.

Required Courses
- World Politics — International Relations: 6 credit hours
- American Foreign Policy: 6 credit hours
- International Security: 6 credit hours
- Master’s Research Paper: 9 credit hours

Elective Courses (Choose One)
- Conflict Avoidance, Prevention & Containment in the International System: 6 credit hours
- Conflict Resolution & Post-Conflict Reconstruction in the International System: 6 credit hours
- Military Intervention & Conflict Management in the International System: 6 credit hours
- Human Rights and Conflict in the International System: 6 credit hours
- International Response to Transnational Terrorism: 6 credit hours

National Security
Focus on how governments protect their state and citizens against domestic crises through politics, diplomacy, economic power, and military.

Required Courses
- World Politics — International Relations: 6 credit hours
- American Foreign Policy: 6 credit hours
- National Security: 6 credit hours
- Intelligence and National Security Policy: 6 credit hours
- Master’s Research Paper: 9 credit hours

International Development
Study global economic systems, human rights, globalization, and how each relates to a nation’s development.

Required Courses
- World Politics — International Relations: 6 credit hours
- Economics and the International System: 6 credit hours
- International Development I: 6 credit hours
- International Development II: 6 credit hours
- Master’s Research Paper: 9 credit hours

Cyber Diplomacy
Learn about international law and cyber warfare, which includes cyber espionage, cyber terrorism, and cyber activism.

Required Courses
- World Politics — International Relations: 6 credit hours
- Law and the International System (required): 6 credit hours
- Cyber Policy I or GD548 Studies in Cyber Systems I*: 6 credit hours
- Cyber Policy II or GD558 Studies in Cyber Systems II: 6 credit hours
- Master’s Research Paper: 9 credit hours

*Students who choose Cyber Policy I will choose Cyber Policy II. Students who choose Cyber Systems I will also choose Cyber Systems II.

Regions of the World
Specialize your understanding of the issues, debates, and events pertinent to a specific world region; choose from eight world regions.

Required Courses
- World Politics — International Relations: 6 credit hours
- American Foreign Policy: 6 credit hours
- Master’s Research Paper: 9 credit hours

Elective Courses (Choose One)
- International Security: 6 credit hours
- Economics and the International System: 6 credit hours
- Law and the International System: 9 credit hours

Regions of the World Course (Choose one area of study): 6 credit hours
- Africa
- Asia-Pacific
- Eurasia
- Europe
- Latin America
- Middle East
- North America
- Southeast Asia

Residency Requirements

Every student must complete a one-week residency on campus. During this component students build strong relationships with classmates, alumni, and faculty members, present final projects, observe faculty presentations, and form lasting memories of their time with Norwich University. Residency week takes place every June. The cost of meals and accommodation is covered by the university, although travel expenses are the student’s responsibility. The week ends with academic recognition ceremonies and commencement, during which you’ll receive your master’s hood and diploma.
Admissions

As a leader in education, Norwich University is dedicated to high academic standards. Our rigorous Master of Arts in International Relations online program is ideal for action-oriented individuals who value ethics, commitment, and open-mindedness. Our admissions standards ensure that those selected have the ability and characteristics most suited to success in our program and beyond.

Choosing a school that is right for you is an important decision. We invite you to contact our Admissions Advisors, who are available to guide you in your decision-making and provide as much information and assistance as you need.

Admission Criteria*

- A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited academic U.S. institution, or an equivalent degree from a foreign institution, as evaluated by WES, IERF, Span Tran, or CED
- No GRE or GMAT requirement
- If English is not your first language, proof of English language proficiency is required. This can be demonstrated in one of two ways:
  - TOEFL - a minimum score of 550 (paper-based test) or 80 (internet-based test) is required.
  - IELTS - a minimum composite score of 6.5 is required.

*Applicants not meeting the criteria will be assessed on a case-by-case basis

Application Process

Call an Admissions Advisor to begin the application process and submit the following items:

- Resume
- Official transcript from undergraduate degree-granting institution
- Personal essay or letter of intent
- One letter of recommendation (professional or academic)
- Proof of English language proficiency (TOEFL, if applicable)

Tuition and Financial Aid

The online Master of Arts in International Relations offers students a top-tier education without the financial risk. With competitive tuition rates and rigorous academic standards, earning your advanced degree with Norwich University means a great return on your investment.

Our students can take advantage of a myriad of financial aid options, including loans, grants, veterans benefits, military discounts, and scholarships. In addition, all Norwich University alumni and their spouses are eligible to receive a $2,500 scholarship.

Student Support

At Norwich University, students are supported from enrollment to commencement day. Our dedicated team of student services staff is ready to help you gain access to on-campus services or answer any questions you may have about your coursework. In addition to your student services advisor, you will also have access to 24/7 help desk support, the Kreitzberg Library, our Career Services Center, and our bursar and financial aid offices.

Accreditation & Accolades

- Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Inc. (NEASC)
- U.S. News & World Report ranks Norwich University in the top 100 for Regional Universities in the North (2018). Rankings are based on undergraduate program.
- Designated as a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education by the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security

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About Norwich University

As the first private military college in the nation, Norwich University has set a precedent of military tradition, academic excellence, and leadership in public service education. Through our College of Graduate and Continuing Studies, we have helped military and civilian students around the nation reach their professional and personal goals by offering a variety of degree programs in a rigorous learning environment. Choose the Master of Arts in International Relations and join a long tradition of leadership rooted in Norwich University history.

Norwich University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.).

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Recognized as offering the Best Value with respect to high academic quality and low net cost of attendance, U.S. News & World Report ranks Norwich University in the top Regional Universities in the North. Rankings are based on undergraduate programs and on students who received the average level of need-based financial aid.

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- Master of Science in Leadership
- Master of Science in Nursing