MASTER OF ARTS IN Diplomacy
Online
Program Overview

Program Mission
The Master of Arts in Diplomacy program provides a unique and relevant contribution to international relations. Mature individuals from diverse backgrounds can acquire the conceptual and theoretical background and the skills to help them perform effectively at senior and policy formation levels of the military and government and in a multitude of capacities throughout private industry. Students explore foundational and contemporary theory and practice at systemic levels and examine specific issues from a variety of perspectives. The program is designed to help graduates demonstrate skills in research and information literacy, critical thinking, writing, and oral communications.

Program Outcomes

Students will demonstrate:

- Understanding of the political, cultural, and geographical complexity of the international environment.
- The ability to view the historical and present-day international system from multiple perspectives.
- An understanding of conflict within an international system.
- Awareness of specific issues affecting the international system as developed within their respective concentrations.
- Oral and written skills needed to communicate effectively within a complex international environment.
- Critical thinking skills needed to generate and implement problem-solving strategies.
- Information literacy skills needed to locate, analyze, and synthesize relevant information from a wide range of sources.

Problem-Solving on an International Scale
In today’s complex world, broad knowledge and specialized skills are required to build cooperation, defuse tension, and promote peace between and among nations, groups, and other entities. Norwich University’s Master of Arts in Diplomacy program equips students with that essential knowledge and skill set, preparing them for a wide range of meaningful careers in international relations and related fields.

Our diplomacy program attracts passionate students from diverse professional backgrounds, including the military, law enforcement, government, business, journalism, and the nonprofit sector. Last but not least, a master’s degree in diplomacy from Norwich University carries weight. Our proud history as the nation’s first private military college and a longstanding, unparalleled commitment to public service sets our diplomacy program apart in academia and our graduates apart in the professional world.

The program is structured as follows:

- Four start dates per year: March, June, September, and December.
- Six credits for each of the six, eleven-week courses.
- Complete all coursework in as few as 18 months.
- Graduate 18-24 months from your enrollment date.
- One-week, on-campus residency and graduation ceremony.
Loren Miller, Diplomacy Alumnas

“By pursuing the diplomacy master’s program, I can further my understanding of cultures and systems of government of the partner and host countries I work with in the Air Force. With the knowledge and experience gained with a diplomacy degree, I can further my professional relationships with persons from host nations and foreign military partners abroad.”

The Norwich Advantage

In Your Corner. A Motivating Force.

If you can dream it, you can accomplish it — thanks to Norwich University’s expert faculty and dedicated student support advisers. Your team works together to keep you motivated and build the skills needed for a rewarding career. From program start to finish, you’ll never be alone. Our dedicated faculty and program staff are genuinely invested in your success and will go out of their way to provide the mentorship and support you need. Norwich provides 24/7 access and technical support to an online learning platform, enabling you to contribute to class discussions and complete your coursework at any time from any location.

Access to Extensive Resources

The Kreitzberg Library serves all online students and faculty. You will have access to our library’s 100 online databases, 54,000 full-text electronic journals, and hundreds of thousands of e-books.

To help you succeed as an online learner, our dedicated distance learning librarian and reference staff members provide research assistance via email, phone, and chat. Our staff can also ship you books anywhere in the world from our circulating collection of over 140,000 titles, and provide journal articles not available online through our material request services.
Curriculum

Overview

The diplomacy program is made up of six, six-credit courses for a total of 36 credits. Each course is approximately 11 weeks in length. The program is designed so you can complete the coursework in as few as 18 months. It ends with a one-week residency and graduation ceremony at Norwich University in June. The program offers four start dates per year: March, June, September, and December.

Our curriculum explores international relations from a macro and micro perspective, beginning with a foundational examination of the political, cultural, and geographical complexity of the international environment. Students then apply their holistic understanding of global affairs to develop focused knowledge in one of four concentrations: international terrorism, international conflict management, international commerce, or cyber diplomacy.

We are proud of the graduates of the diplomacy program, many of whom occupy influential roles in leading organizations throughout the world. Part of the recipe for the success of our program is the caliber of students Norwich University attracts. A large number of our incoming students have experience abroad prior to enrolling in our master’s program, and many are working in an international capacity while completing the degree. This exposes students to a range of worldviews to help broaden their perspective, and a rich network to draw from for years to come.

Concentration Courses

International Terrorism
- Terrorism: Introduction and State
- Sponsored Terrorism
- International Terrorism by Non-State Actors
- International Response to Transnational Terrorism

International Conflict Management
- Conflict Avoidance, Prevention, and Containment in the International System
- Conflict Resolution and Post-Conflict Reconstruction in the International System

International Commerce
- Global Commerce and the International System
- Cross-Cultural Management in the International System
- Global Corporate Diplomacy

Cyber Diplomacy
- Cyber Policy I or Studies in Cyber Systems I
- Cyber Policy II or Studies in Cyber Systems II
- Cyber Diplomacy Capstone

Elective Course
- Diplomacy and Communication

Core Courses
- Theory and the International System
- The History of Diplomacy in the International System
- Law and the International System
- Economics and the International System

Thesis Track
The thesis track is available for students who wish to have the traditional thesis experience with faculty mentorship and a culminating research paper, which is often the basis for a future publication. Outside of the degree completion requirements, students can choose to add this thesis after all six courses are completed. Pending program director approval for candidacy acceptance, your thesis will have a formal board of examination, supervision, and research process.
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Marlene Houngbedji, Diplomacy Alumna

“My time in Norwich has been a stimulating adventure and a multi-level learning experience. I look forward to delving further into the realm of diplomacy and conflict prevention, and applying the knowledge I have acquired these past 18 months in the next chapter of my professional life.”

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Unique Blend of Theory and Practicality

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Superb Teacher-Practitioners

Our students benefit from the expertise of our stellar faculty members, among whom are two renowned counterterrorism experts, regional experts, and several retired military officers, as well as the varied work experiences and perspectives of their fellow classmates.

Faculty work closely with students and inspire them to produce their best work, motivate them to reach higher and further than they thought possible, and encourage them to make a difference. The Master of Arts in Diplomacy faculty’s mission is to inspire, teach, and mentor the next generation of professionals.
Online Education. Real-World Relevance.

You want a reputable degree you can earn online and apply instantly to your job. Norwich University provides the credentials to help you grow and advance in your career — just as more than 27,000 Norwich alumni are doing all around the world.

The Norwich Advantage

The pace for each course is designed with busy schedules in mind

Through our flexible online platform, you can access program content and contribute to class discussions on your own schedule and at your own pace each week. This format gives you extra time to contemplate questions and compose well-thought-out responses. Small classes and students from diverse professional and cultural backgrounds foster in-depth discussions and unique perspectives.

Your learning community can become an invaluable network

You will progress through the program in small classes called cohorts. Small classes of 16 or fewer students encourage frequent student-student and student-faculty interactions, while a team of dedicated program staff provides students with additional support and guidance as needed. When students enroll at Norwich, they not only gain access to a dynamic learning community but also to an extensive career network of successful alumni from around the globe.

Enroll Here. Go Anywhere.

Whether you want to advance your diplomacy career or acquire the theoretical background and skills necessary for advancement within private industry, the military, or the nonprofit sector, Norwich University’s Master of Arts in Diplomacy program can help you achieve your career goals. Our alumni work for a wide variety of organizations, including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Associated Press, the FBI, General Motors, Varian Medical Systems, and the U.S. Navy. Three of our recent graduates were selected by the Presidential Management Fellows Program, a competitive federal internship program designed to draw outstanding students to federal service.

Residency

The culmination of the 18 months of study is the one-week residency at the beautiful campus in the Green Mountains of Vermont. Residency is held in June of each year. During residency, students meet to permanently cement their relationships with their cohort and faculty, exchange ideas, create and foster professional networks, and immerse themselves in Norwich campus and legacy.
Norwich seeks goal-oriented individuals who have high standards of personal ethics and have demonstrated excellence in their professional lives and academic studies.

Applicants should have a desire to make a positive contribution to their field. Selective admissions standards are intended to ensure that those admitted will have the greatest prospect of successfully completing the program and contributing to the field.

Choosing a school to pursue your Master of Arts in Diplomacy is a major 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 or nationally accredited institution or an equivalent degree from a foreign institution, as evaluated by WES, IERF, Span Tran, or CED
- The GRE is not required to apply
- 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.

**Application Process**

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

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

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

**Financial Aid Information**

Financing your graduate school education can be a daunting task if you are unfamiliar with the process, timeline, expectations, and options. Norwich University wants to make this process a smooth journey for you.

To speak with one of our Admissions Advisors about financial aid:
Call 1-800-460-5597 ext. 3378 or Email mdy@online.norwich.edu.

Visit [https://online.norwich.edu](https://online.norwich.edu) for more information.

*Lamia Damerje, Diplomacy Alumna*

“I am now able to see the business world from a different angle. I can to analyze and solve problems in a more applicable and professional manner, while being aware of long-term consequences. Also, I am now able to see the similarities we all have, while also benefiting from our differences.”
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About Norwich University

Founded in 1819, Norwich University is a small, private, not-for-profit university that offers professional and liberal arts programs to military and civilian students. The campus is located in Vermont. The College of Graduate and Continuing Studies builds upon nearly 200 years of Norwich University traditions while offering a variety of degree programs online in a rigorous academic environment. By enrolling in our Master of Arts in Diplomacy program, you’ll become part of a long tradition of public service education and leadership at Norwich, which goes all the way back to our founding as the nation’s first private military college.

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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