

ADMISSION

To be considered for admission to a graduate program at KU, applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. Additionally, applicants must have a cumulative undergraduate grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00 to be regularly admitted to the program; applicants with less than a 3.00 GPA may still be considered for graduate study but must be admitted provisionally.

Deadline for submission is July 22, 2019.

Application Materials:

1. A KU Graduate Application. The application is submitted online and there is no fee for submitting an application to the ISP.
2. Official Transcript(s). Transcripts need to be sent directly from your degree-granting undergraduate institution. If you transferred coursework from another institution toward your undergraduate degree or have earned a graduate degree, you will need to submit transcripts from the relevant institutions as well.
3. Officer Record Brief or Resume.
4. Current GRE Scores or the last three copies of your Officer Evaluation Reports.
5. Statement of Purpose. A complete application will include a 500-word statement describing your academic qualifications and the manner in which the Interagency Studies track of the M.A. in Global & International Studies will help you meet your academic and professional goals.

For more information please visit <http://global.ku.edu/applying-interagency-studies-program> or contact the Graduate Academic Advisor, Clare Thoman at clarethoman@ku.edu or 785-864-9814.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**MASTER OF ARTS
in GLOBAL &
INTERNATIONAL
STUDIES,
INTERAGENCY
STUDIES TRACK**

The objective of the Interagency Studies Program (ISP) in the MA in Global and International Studies (GIST) is to prepare military officers for work in international and interagency environments by expanding their abilities to conceptualize and address issues beyond their military training. The program offers coursework from multiple disciplines with an array of theoretical frameworks. The ISP curriculum consists of 30 credit hours, with KU granting six hours of credit for ILE education. The remaining 24 credit hours come from courses taught by KU faculty and offered during evening hours at the CGSC in Ft. Leavenworth. The program culminates with a final paper demonstrating the application of program knowledge to a (preferred interagency) issue. Eligible students are admitted to KU through the Center for Global and International Studies and, after successful completion of the program, will be awarded an MA in GIST with a concentration in Interagency Studies.

CURRICULUM

The ISP track of the GIST MA program at KU offers a broad, integrative approach to the study of global and international issues, supported by the perspectives and theories from multiple relevant disciplines. Students enrolled in the program will focus on various transnational processes that affect states and societies around the world,

such as migration, environmental degradation, the global economy, the role of international organizations, and religious, nationalist and social movements. All ISP MA students will take a set of eight courses, three during the fall and spring semesters respectively and two during the summer. A brief description of each course appears below.

Fall 2019 (Aug. 1-Dec. 20)

GIST 702 - Globalization. Focuses on the political aspects of globalization, with an emphasis on the changing role of the state in global affairs, democratization, nationalism and ethnic conflict, political Islam, international security, and the changing character of war.

LAW 918 - Islamic Law. An examination of the history, doctrine, texts, and role of Islamic law throughout the world with a focus on the Koran and other sacred texts, the Sunni-Shi'a split, the status of women and religious minorities, and principles of the substantive areas of law.

PUAD 854 - Innovation and Organizational Change. Course examines innovation in organizations, successful change processes, and solutions to resistance to change within organizations.

Spring 2020 (Jan. 6-May 15)

GIST 624 - Social Movements in the Middle East. A review of the waves of social movements that have taken place across the Middle East region in recent years, including Iran's Green Movement, the Arab Spring movements of 2010, and Kurdish nationalist movements.

POLS 673 - International Organizations. Course examines international organizations with a special emphasis on the United Nations. A central theme of the course rests upon the question of whether strengthened international organization offers the only alternative to further world wars.

SOC 780 - Civil Society and the State. An examination of the complex interrelationships between civil society and development, civil society and violence, democracy, religiosity, social movements, and citizenship, with a special emphasis on developments in sub-Saharan Africa.

Summer 2020 (May 18-June 19)

GIST 810 - Writing Seminar. Course designed to facilitate completion of your research paper.

POLS 678 - Chinese Foreign Policy. An in-depth examination of China's changing policies toward other countries with special emphasis on policy-making process, negotiating behavior, military strategy, economic relations, and cultural diplomacy.

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