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Degree Overview

**DURATION** Students complete their degree in as few as 18 months.

**SCHEDULE** Classes are held in the evening and in short, intensive sessions to accommodate working professionals.

**CURRICULUM** Courses combine case studies, simulations, and academic insights, with practical skills, and applicable research.

**FACULTY** Courses are instructed by Maxwell professors, CSIS scholars, and guest lecturers drawn from the senior ranks of government and business communities.

**LOCATION** Classes are taught at CSIS’s headquarters in Washington, D.C.

**ACCESS** Students are granted full access to the online and in-person resources offered by Syracuse University and CSIS.

**CAPSTONE PROJECT** Students work with CSIS policy experts and CSIS’s award-winning production studio to develop an actionable and analytic report, accompanied by a multimedia product addressing current policy challenges.
Who should apply?
Mid-career professionals with at least seven years of experience.
Individuals seeking to advance their careers in intelligence, security, or international affairs without having to leave their job.
Professionals looking for more than just an academic experience, including the opportunity to work side-by-side with top policy experts, refine practical skills, and contribute new policy solutions.
Individuals with various backgrounds, including those with service in government, embassies, research institutions, private corporations, NGOs, and professional associations.

Admissions
Apply now! Students may submit applications to enter the program during the Spring and Fall semesters. Learn more at: www.maxwell.syr.edu/dc/emir

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
- Completed Syracuse University Graduate School Application
- Resume
- Personal Statement
- Official Transcripts
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- GRE Scores: optional

Curriculum Highlights & Learning Objectives

CORE COURSES
- Leadership and Strategy in Global Affairs
- Comparative Foreign Policy
- CSIS Capstone in International Affairs

SELECTED COURSES
- Central Challenges in National Security Law and Policy
- U.S. Intelligence Community: Governance & Practice
- Conflict and Security in Cyberspace
- International Trade and Economic Negotiations
- Statecraft and Smart Power in the Digital Era

REGIONAL COURSES
Regional courses will focus on new trends, development and security issues, and policy priorities in: China, Russia, the Middle East, Europe, Africa, and Latin America.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & WORKSHOPS
- Data Analysis
- Data Visualization
- Advanced Analytic Writing
- Delivering Policy Briefs
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