



Master Program M. A.



# INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES



## THE M. A. IN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES

The Master of Arts-Program **International Security Studies** (MISS) is a unique post-graduate program for security professionals offered jointly by the Universität der Bundeswehr München (UniBw M) and the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies (GCMC). In a German-American partnership, this program prepares international military and civilian students with some years of professional experience for executive positions in the public and private sector.

MISS participants profit from the particular strengths of the partnering institutions: University modules on a high academic level and policy-oriented programs of the GCMC.

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- 1** **Policy-orientated program on a high academic level**  
The combination of theory-focused UniBw M modules with policy-oriented GCMC programs provides comprehensive perspectives on security issues.
- 2** **A faculty of more than 40 international experts**  
GCMC professors are often senior practitioners with decades of field experience.
- 3** **Seminar-based, active learning model**  
which utilizes the professional and national backgrounds of our students.
- 4** **Intensive networking**  
with security professionals from various disciplines.
- 5** **Distinguished guest speakers**  
from international security organizations, national security services and renowned think tanks.
- 6** **Small class sizes**  
with a maximum of 15 students per seminar.



## GOOD REASONS

## GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM

<b>Category:</b>	Social Sciences
<b>Program Form:</b>	Full-time or part-time
<b>Start of Program:</b>	September, 1 <sup>st</sup> (rolling start date for part-time students)
<b>Duration:</b>	12 months full-time or 24 months part-time
<b>Cost:</b>	11,000 EUR (no travel and subsistence cost included). GCMC Alumni receive a discount of 2,500 EUR if they concluded PASS and of 1,500 EUR for any other GCMC resident program.
<b>Place of Study:</b>	Garmisch-Partenkirchen (some courses are offered online or hybrid)
<b>Start of Applications:</b>	Rolling
<b>End of Applications:</b>	May, 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>First Degree required:</b>	Yes, corresponding to 240 ECTS
<b>Admission Test:</b>	Yes, admission interview
<b>Language Test required:</b>	Yes, CEFR level B2 (e.g. TOEFL/IELTS/SLP/NATO)
<b>Professional Experience:</b>	At least 2 years qualified professional work experience
<b>Workload:</b>	60 ECTS credit points
<b>Course Language:</b>	English
<b>International Students:</b>	70 %
<b>Lecture/Seminar/Other (%):</b>	35/50/15 %

## CURRICULUM

		ECTS	Workload (h)
I Common Curriculum	<u>Theories and Methods</u>	5	125
	<u>Program in Advanced Security Studies I</u>	9	225
	<u>Program in Advanced Security Studies II</u>	9	225
	<u>Transnational and International Conflict</u>	6	150
	<u>International Humanitarian Law</u>	5	125
II Elective 1 out of 2	<u>Security and Development</u>	5	125
	<u>Transnational Governance</u>		
III Concentration 1 out of 4	<u>Program on Cyber Security Studies</u>		
	<u>Program on Countering Transnational Organized Crime</u>	5	125
	<u>Seminar on Regional Security</u>		
	<u>Program on Terrorism and Security</u>		
IV Master Thesis	<b>Master Thesis &amp; Master Thesis Workshop</b>	16	400

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

### The Common Curriculum

The program's common curriculum aims to provide students with a thorough knowledge of contemporary security studies from both theoretical and policy perspectives. The first module »Theories and Methods« introduces students to different approaches to studying international security. A particular focus is also consolidating the methods (analysis, writing, presenting) required for the program.

Students then join the Marshall Center's Flagship Course, the »Program in Advanced Security Studies« (PASS), an 8-week course for more than 100 international government officials from the security sector. Expert panels, exercises, and field studies complement lectures, seminar sessions, and electives.

In the module »Transnational and International Conflict« students learn to understand and analyze historical and current armed conflicts. Finally, students attend the module »International Humanitarian Law«, which provides a thorough understanding of the legal context in which international security evolves.

### The Study Concentration

At the conclusion of the core phase, students choose one of four GCMC concentration courses and one of two UniBw M electives.

### Master Thesis

The program concludes with a 15,000 word Master Thesis.

## ACADEMIC MANAGEMENT

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We look forward to your call or e-mail!

## THE INSTITUTIONS

### The George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies

The Marshall Center, dedicated in 1993, is a renowned international security and defense studies institute that promotes dialogue and understanding among the nations of North America, Europe, Eurasia and beyond. Supported bilaterally by the governments of the United States and Germany, the Marshall Center boasts an international faculty and staff with representatives from 10 partner nations. This unique German-American partnership supports U.S. and German national security strategies and security cooperation guidance.

The Marshall Center contributes to security cooperation throughout the European neighborhood and beyond with tailored, professional education and research, dialogue, and the persistent, thorough, and thoughtful examination of issues that confront our client nations today and in the years ahead.

### Universität der Bundeswehr München

The Universität der Bundeswehr München was founded in 1973 with the aim of providing officers and officer candidates with a university education that would also prepare them for civilian careers. Since its founding, the number of students has been rising steadily: today there are around 3,500 registered students, including 100 international students and officers.

The Department of Political Science as part of the Faculty for Social Sciences offers excellent scientific facilities and academic personnel that allow high-level research which is competitive on an international scale.