

# Master of Arts in Military Studies

The Master of Arts in Military Studies focuses on strategic military operations in peace and conflict with concentrations in joint warfare, irregular warfare, or strategic leadership. You will study military art through historical and contemporary context and apply theory, established doctrine, and the laws of war to emerging defense and security challenges facing the U.S. You will also learn to identify viable courses of action when doctrine or revolutionary changes in strategy and operation occur.

The curriculum for this online master's program was developed with input from academic professionals, senior military leaders, and those serving in the national security arena. Coursework provides useful skills and knowledge for professional government or military service, or as a research scholar or military instructor. It also helps to prepares you to publish scholarly works and to pursue a doctorate in a related field. While popular among students from the armed forces and government agencies, this major is open to any student interested in military philosophy, strategy, and operations.

## Degree Program Objectives

In addition to the institutional and degree level learning objectives, graduates of this program are expected to achieve these learning outcomes:

- Analyze the origins, development, capabilities, and vulnerabilities of both friendly and hostile military forces.
- Assess the major trends, theories, laws of war, events, and people that have shaped military studies in both an historical and modern context.
- Evaluate the variables and influences affecting military forces to include the following: leadership, doctrine; strategy, tactics, operations, joint operations and integrated systems, technology, cultures, and the multidimensional battle space.
- Judge examples of successful and unsuccessful military and strategic leadership philosophies and decisions based on historical and current events.
- Analyze critical issues and trends in national and international security that affect the strategic employment and sustainment of military forces and the relationship between military power and other elements of national power.
- Develop effective research, analysis, methodological, and presentation skills relevant to Military Studies.
- Synthesize information in a publication-quality paper that presents new knowledge or a new approach to a topic pertinent to the field of Military Studies.

## Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Core Requirements		15
Select one of the following concentrations:		15
Irregular Warfare (p. 1)		
Joint Warfare (p. 2)		
Strategic Leadership (p. 2)		
Final Program Requirements		3
Elective Requirements		3
Total Semester Hours		36

## Degree Program Requirements

### Core Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
MILS514	The Making of Strategy <sup>1</sup>	3
SSGS500	Research Design and Methods	3
MILS512	Great Military Leaders	3
MILS521	Strategy, Tactics, & the Operational Art	3
MILS560	Joint Warfare Theory and Practice	3
Total Semester Hours		15

<sup>1</sup> Required as the first course in this program.

Students must choose a concentration for this degree program and may select from a Concentration in Irregular Warfare, Concentration in Joint Warfare, or Concentration in Strategic Leadership.

### Concentration in Irregular Warfare (15 semester hours)

This concentration provides students with an opportunity to research, study, and write in the field of Irregular Warfare (IW). The program experience includes a detailed analysis of historical, current, and future IW theories and concepts. Students will expand critical thinking and their knowledge of IW methods through an examination of materials on intelligence, international relations, terrorism, criminal activities, cyber warfare, propaganda, and the various levels of armed conflict to include conventional, asymmetric, and irregular warfare. The study of insurgent activities and the implementation of these methods provide an understanding of the nature and motivation of movements which challenge legitimate governance through forms of modern or hybrid warfare.

## Objectives

Upon successful completion of this concentration, the student will be able to:

- Diagram the changing nature of Irregular Warfare (IW) in terms of current theory, planning, and implementation.
- Synthesize elements of Irregular Warfare (IW) in historical and contemporary campaigns.
- Analyze emerging theories of Irregular Warfare (IW), through an understanding of varied methods of implementation.
- Evaluate Irregular Warfare (IW) concepts within the geo-political and operating environments.

## Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
MILS570	Seminar in Asymmetrical Warfare	3
MILS583	Insurgency and Revolution	3
MILS671	The Non-State Soldier	3
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
MILS572	Special Operations Forces Application	
MILS620	Studies in Future War	
MILS680	Special Topic: Military Studies	
INTL649	Case Studies in Foreign Cyber Threats	
INTL650	Counterterrorism	
INTL652	Terrorism: Assessing the Past to Forecast the Future	
INTL653	Deception, Propaganda and Disinformation	
IRLS502	International Political Systems	
Total Semester Hours		15

## Concentration in Joint Warfare (15 semester hours)

This concentration studies modern joint warfare operations, leadership, and management. Students will learn of the theory, practice, planning, implementation, command and control, and overarching military philosophy that pervades today's joint military environment. Going beyond the specific joint military community, students will also study coalition warfare and future war. The application of air, land, and sea power in joint operations can be analyzed as well as seen through past joint operations. Most popular among students from all military services and inter-governmental agencies, this major is open to any interested military or civilian student who seeks to know more of military philosophy, strategy, tactics, history, and contemporary issues.

## Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
MILS561	Joint Warfare Planning and Implementation	3
MILS562	Joint Warfare Command and Control	3
MILS563	Case Studies in Joint Warfare	3
MILS620	Studies in Future War	3
Select 1 course from the following:		3
MILS510	Strategic Military Leadership	
MILS534	Air and Space Power Theory: Strategy and Tactics	
MILS570	Seminar in Asymmetrical Warfare	
MILS572	Special Operations Forces Application	
MILS583	Insurgency and Revolution	
MILS635	Air Power in Joint Warfare	
MILS655	Naval Power in Joint Warfare	
MILS671	The Non-State Soldier	
MILS680	Special Topic: Military Studies	
MILS690	Independent Study: Military Studies <sup>1</sup>	
Total Semester Hours		15

<sup>1</sup> Students will need permission from the Department Chair to take this course.

## Concentration in Strategic Leadership (15 semester hours)

This concentration is for students who seek an understanding of the principles, theory, and practices of strategy and leadership from historical and contemporary perspectives. This program provides students with the opportunity to focus on strategic leadership lessons learned under military, civil-military, and government settings and conditions. With critical analytical thinking skills, students can apply the classic strategies, tactics, and teachings of the great military philosophers and leaders to key national strategic issues and international concerns that are relevant in modern times.

## Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
MILS510	Strategic Military Leadership	3
MILS562	Joint Warfare Command and Control	3
MILS620	Studies in Future War	3
NSEC610	National Security and Globalization	3
Select 1 course from the following:		3
MILS541	Campaign and Battle Analysis	
MILS572	Special Operations Forces Application	

MILS583	Insurgency and Revolution	
MILS671	The Non-State Soldier	
MILS680	Special Topic: Military Studies <sup>1</sup>	
MILS690	Independent Study: Military Studies <sup>1</sup>	
NSEC501	Institutions of National Security	
Total Semester Hours		15

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### Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
MILS699	Military Studies Capstone <sup>1</sup>	3
Total Semester Hours		3

<sup>1</sup> Taken once all other requirements have been met.

### Elective Requirements (3 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	Select any graduate courses not already taken to fulfill the requirements listed above.	3
Total Semester Hours		3