International Security Studies

Master Program M.A.

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General Information on the Program

Category:	Social Sciences
Program Form:	Full Time (Part-Time Option)
Start of Program:	September, 1st
Duration:	12 Months
Cost:	11,000 EUR (no travel and subsistence cost included). GCMC Alumni receive a discount of 2,500 EUR if they have concluded PASS and of 1,500 EUR for any other concluded GCMC resident program (except SES)
Place of Study:	Garmisch-Partenkirchen
Start of Applications:	Rolling. The application form is available at www.casc.de/miss
End of Applications:	May, 15th
First Degree required:	Yes, corresponding to 240 ECTS
Admission Test:	Yes, admission interview
Language Test required:	Yes, TOEFL/SLP/ NATO B2
Years of Professional Experience:	Minimum of 2, Average of 8
Workload:	60 ECTS credit points
Course Language:	English
International Students:	90 %
Lecture/Seminar/Other (%)	35 /50 /15 %

We will be glad to perform an individual document check to see if you meet the admission requirements before you hand in the complete application. Upon request, we also provide the exact days of teaching for early booking and your travel arrangements.

The M.A. International Security Studies

The Master of Arts-Program »International Security Studies« (MISS) is a unique post-graduate program for mid-level security professionals offered jointly by the Universität der Bundeswehr München (UniBwM) 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: The program combines university modules taught by the UniBwM professors and selected international faculty with the policy-oriented programs of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, a German-American defense institution where students study alongside other government officials from 110 countries. It provides its students with a comprehensive understanding of international security and connects them to a network of more than 10,000 security professionals around the globe.

Four different study concentrations – Regional Security, Counterterrorism, Cyber Security and Countering Transnational Organized Crime – offer students an opportunity to deepen their understanding and develop professional networks in their specific area of expertise.

The program is designed for full- and part-time studies and can be completed either as a twelve-month course starting in September or individually via roughly one-month modules. The entire program takes place at the Marshall Center in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, a mountain resort in Southern Bavaria.

MISS students during a small UniBwM Seminar

Further Information: www.casc.de/miss

Program Structure

The MISS is a 12-month program that consists of a common curriculum, a study concentration and the master thesis.

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 Applied Security Studies« (PASS), a 8-week course for more than 100 international government officials from the security sector. Expert panels, exercises, and field studies complement plenary and seminar sessions and electives.

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

The Study Concentration

At the conclusion of the core phase, students choose their Study Concentration, which consists of one of four Marshall Center resident programs and one university module:

___ Program on Terrorism and Security Studies (PTSS)
___ Seminar on Regional Security (SRS)
___ Program on Countering Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC)
___ Program on Cyber Security Studies (PCSS)

Depending on their concentration, students then attend either the module »Transnational Governance« or »Security and Development«.

Master Thesis

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

Program Features

Policy-orientated program on a high academic level

The combination of more theory-focused UniBwM modules with the more policy-oriented GCMC programs and seminars provides unique insights on issues from both perspectives.

International faculty of academics and professionals

The cooperation of both institutions brings together more than 40 international experts and offers an almost incomparably broad faculty. Marshall Center professors are often senior practitioners with decades of professional expertise.

Seminar-based, active learning model

Through seminar discussions, debates, panels and exercises students do profit from their different professional and national backgrounds.

Intensive networking

Their fellow students in Marshall Center programs, but also the GCMC and UniBwM Alumni associations give students a great opportunity to get in contact with security professionals in their country, region and area of interest.

Distinguished guest speakers

Marshall Center programs often feature prominent guest speakers, which have included e.g. SACEUR, COMISAF, ASDs, DASDs, Deputy Ministers and Ambassadors.

Field Studies

Some modules feature up to week-long field trips to security institutions, where students can gain first hand insights on the various approaches that countries take to international security problems.

Small class sizes

The MISS program allows for a maximum of 15 students per year to guarantee for optimal individual supervision. In class, seminars will also not exceed 10–15 participants each, to allow for sufficient time for any discussant.

Curriculum

				ECTS	Workload (h)
IV	Master Thesis		Master Thesis & Master Thesis Workshop	16	480
III	Concentration	1 out of 4	Program on Cyber Security Studies Program on Countering Transnational Organized Crime Seminar on Regional Security Program on Terrorism and Security	5	150
II	Elective	1 out of 2	Transnational Governance Security and Development	5	150
I	Common Curriculum		International Humanitarian Law	5	150
			Transnational and International Conflict	6	180
			Program in Advanced Security Studies II	9	270
			Program in Advanced Security Studies I	9	270
			Theories and Methods	5	150

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.

The 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 3,000 registered students, including 100 international students and officers.

Our diplomas are fully recognized by the state and are considered to be on equal standing with those awarded by other German universities. 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.

Academic Management

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e-mail!

»The MISS program provides you with an unprecedented access to military and civilian experts. The added value is that you spend time with highly experienced professionals that are in fact your fellow students. Apart from acquiring deep knowledge through the academic curriculum you gain hands on experience by being exposed to top experts almost 24/7«

D.B., National Security Authority, Czech Republic, Academic Year 2012/2013

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