

Interactive Plan of Study (IPOS) instructions

MA in Global Security

MA in Global Security, Cybersecurity Concentration

MA in Global Security, Irregular Warfare concentration

(See end of document for Global Security and Competitive Statecraft certificate instructions)

The IPOS is a document that tracks and validates the courses required for your degree. An approved and current IPOS is required of all graduate students to enroll in the final Capstone course (GSC 550) and apply for graduation. We request students complete this document and submit for approval after registering for the second semester of the program. Please update as needed throughout the program.

To access: Go to MyASU page>My Programs>Click on degree name>IPOS link

The IPOS is set up in several sections. Once you complete one section, you will be automatically moved to the next to complete until the document is complete and ready to submit.

-First, read through the Welcome page, agree to the policies and confirm via check box.

-Degree Requirements will be automatically populated for your program and cannot be changed.

Courses section/Course Admin

It is important to only use these sections marked by a maroon bar, and put the correct number of courses in each section. The correct number of credits is listed at the top of the section. If too few are entered, an error will generate. **Do not use the "Open Courses" section.** That is a section that is not relevant to these degrees and anything placed there will not be counted and generate an error.

You will need to list courses that you have taken, are registered for, and plan to take in the future. The IPOS can be changed, and should be updated if you add or drop a course that wasn't originally approved. Please complete a course change if needed in the future; instructions below.

To plan future courses, please see the ASU Class Search. Classes tend to repeat in the same semesters, although they can change. Future courses are only a plan, and can be updated. GSC 501, 560 and 550 are offered every semester; all other courses rotate. View the ASU Class Search and view previous semesters to make a plan for courses in future semesters.

*Please note that not all cyber courses are offered every term. It is important to take the four cyber courses as soon as they are available.

Select anticipated graduation term from the drop down. This should be the same semester as the final Capstone course, GSC 550.

Add Required Core: GSC 501

Add Concentration: Will appear only if you are in the Cyber or IW concentration programs.

If IW, please list four courses from your program's options (GSC 510, 511, 571, 572, 573, and any of the following GSC 598 topic courses: Security and the Global Economy; Irregular Warfare; Urbanization, Security and Conflict; Adaptation and Military Innovation).

If Cyber: *GSC 560-563 are required concentration courses. GSC 560 is a prerequisite for GSC 563.

Add Electives: If MAGS program, 8 GSC courses will be listed here, so any 3-credit GSC course can be taken, however GSC 563 is only for students in the Cyber program. If Cyber or IW, 4 GSC courses should be listed here. Multiple GSC 598 courses can be taken, as long as the topic titles are different.

Do not use "Add Open Courses" section. Anything placed there will not be calculated and generate an error.

Add Culminating Experience: GSC 550 is the final Capstone course. Please remember this is a full semester course that covers both A and B sessions. It is OK to take the Capstone alongside another course(s). Some students choose to take it by itself; it is a matter of preference.

Advisors: Staff advisor will pre-populate. Faculty committee is Jeff Kubiak and Alicia Ellis as co-chairs in the committee role.

No petitions are needed unless you are requesting an exception to university policy.

Summary/Submit: Review for accuracy, save and submit. When you see "Pending in Academic Unit," your IPOS is submitted for review. It is sent to the academic advisor, and then to the Graduate College. If the IPOS is returned, comments will be included for needed corrections.

Course Change/IPOS update: Go to "Course/Course Admin" section.

Use the "Add From Transcript" button to include courses that you have taken, or are registered for. Be sure to add first, then remove.

Next, remove courses you did not take or do not plan to take. Use the > button next to the course to remove. Errors will be designated by a maroon exclamation point, meaning they were approved, but not taken.

Adjust Capstone term and/or anticipated graduation term, if needed.

Save and submit for approval.

Competitive Statecraft Certificate IPOS:

Please note there is no diploma for the certificate as it is not a degree. Students in the certificate program **do** need to apply for graduation.

Faculty committee: Alicia Ellis as chair

Required core: GSC 512

Restricted list of courses is approved for the certificate: GSC 503, 509, 561, 571, 572, 573, GSC 598 to include: Urbanization, Security and Conflict; Security and the Global Economy; Adaptation and Military Innovation.