

# MA

90 or 120 ECTS

# Global Security and Strategy



Acquire comprehensive knowledge and policy-oriented skills at the intersection of *security* and *strategic studies* to kickstart your international career.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Strong link between theory and actual practice
- Intensive skills training and policy workshops
- Designed and taught by a network of leading international academics as well as senior policy-makers from international organisations
- Organised in cooperation with the Belgian Royal Military Academy
- Small, interactive classes with practical focus
- 90 ECTS option (12 months) and 120 ECTS option (15 months - his option includes Postgraduate Certificate in Global Risk Assessment and Crisis Management)

## CAREER PROSPECTS

- International organisations (EU, UN, NATO, etc.)
- Diplomatic missions, foreign affairs offices, ministries
- Research

## WHAT SETS US APART

Personalised • Career focused  
Connected and interactive • Innovative  
International • Diverse • Interdisciplinary  
Continuous assessment

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*After many years in the private sector, I felt a strong desire to change my career direction. I chose to pursue a master's in Global Security and Strategy at BSoG, and it turned out to be a game-changer for me. Not only did it equip me with valuable knowledge and skills, but it also paved the way for me to secure a position at a major global think tank.*

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- Jan Petrasek, MA alumnus



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## Internships



Want a taste of the real world? Gain experience in a professional environment with one of our partners in Brussels.

Our students have interned at:

- Carnegie Europe
- German Marshall Fund
- The Royal Military Academy
- UN PRME

## About our school



The Brussels School of Governance is an alliance between the Institute for European Studies (VUB) and Vesalius College. This MA in Global Security and Strategy is a programme of which the degree will be awarded by Vesalius College.

## Who can apply?

All students who:

- Are seeking to make use of the many networking opportunities in Brussels and prepare their careers in a city that is one of the largest diplomatic centres in the world.
- Prefer small class groups in which they are able to express themselves.

Requirements:

- Undergraduate degree in Social, Economic or Political Sciences, Business or Law qualifying for graduate studies in the country of origin. Relevant work experience in these or related fields may qualify.
- English language proficiency

Apply here!



## What will you study?

TRIMESTER 1

### CORE FOUNDATIONS (COMPULSORY COURSES)

- MA Thesis Preparatory Seminar - 6 ECTS
- The Theory and Practice of International Relations - 6 ECTS
- Theories and Applied Issues of Global Security and Strategic Studies - 6 ECTS
- Geopolitics - 6 ECTS
- Research Methods - 6 ECTS

TRIMESTER 2

### SPECIALISATION TRACKS

Students follow four compulsory courses and one elective

#### COMPULSORY COURSES

- MA Thesis I - 6 ECTS
- History of Great Power Competition in the 21st Century - 6 ECTS
- Grand Strategy in Theory and Practice - 6 ECTS
- Non-traditional Security Threats in Theory and Practice - 6 ECTS

#### ELECTIVE COURSES\* (CHOOSE ONE)

- Public Diplomacy - 6 ECTS
- International Relations of the Korean Peninsula – 6 ECTS
- Terrorism, Counterterrorism and (De-) Radicalization – 6 ECTS
- Disinformation, Cyber Warfare and Post-Truth - 6 ECTS

\* In order to be organised, an elective course requires a minimum number of 4 students.

TRIMESTER 3

### MA THESIS, CAPSTONE CASE STUDY AND ONE ELECTIVE

In addition to advancing their MA Thesis and working on a Capstone project, students take one elective which could be an internship.

#### COMPULSORY

- MA Thesis II - 15 ECTS
- Intensive Capstone - 9 ECTS

#### ELECTIVE (CHOOSE ONE)

- Internship - 6 ECTS (only for students with 90-credit option)
- Cases and Issues in Global Security & Diplomacy - 6 ECTS

The programme offers the flexibility of enrolling for an additional 30 ECTS in the shape of an extra semester.

## Deadlines

	SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION	APPLICATION
EU citizens	15 April	30 June
Non-EU citizens	15 April	30 April

## Get in touch!

Chat with our students



Book an appointment



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