

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 (incl. Capstone project)
- 90 ECTS option (12 months) and 120 ECTS option (15 months)

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

“ It took me a good two years to find the right graduate school programme that is not only superior in its theoretical core but is also offered by highly-qualified academics and practitioners. The programme also provided me the opportunity to tap into the coveted professional network in Brussels, through which I have met great professionals who have helped and inspired me to work on my long-term career goals.

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- Orange Gimena, MA alumna (2020)



Internships



Experience 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.

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
- The Success, Failure and Future of Global Governance - 6 ECTS
- Global and Economic Governance: Trade and Finance - 6 ECTS
- Japan and Security in the Indo-Pacific - 6 ECTS
- Terrorism and Europe's Internal/External Security Nexus - 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
- Capstone case study - 9 ECTS

ELECTIVE (CHOOSE ONE)

- Internship - 6 ECTS
- 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	31 May

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

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