

National Security

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Facilities for Graduate Work

The Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs is housed in Sid Richardson Hall, adjacent to the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum.

The LBJ School Computer Lab is reserved for LBJ students and is available 24 hours a day. The Computer Lab offers computers for the use in person, computers that can be accessed remotely, and monitors with adapters for connecting personal computers. The computers provide a variety of software useful for completing coursework.

Areas of Study

The graduate program in National Security is designed to teach the next generation of analysts and policymakers to think critically, communicate persuasively, and act effectively to address the most pressing national and international security threats. The program offers a multidisciplinary approach to studying the complexities of today's security environment, providing the necessary policy and theoretical tools for analysis and action. Students pursuing the Master of National Security select a concentration in Intelligence; Diplomacy and International Security; Regional Security; or Technology Advancing National Security. Students may also propose their own concentration, which is subject to approval.

Graduate Studies Committee

The following faculty members served on the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) in the spring 2025 semester.

Joshua W Busby Alan J Kuperman
Sheena Elise Greitens

Admissions Requirements

Admissions decisions are made by the Admissions Committee. The committee considers applicants' academic and employment records; their scores on the Graduate Record Examinations General Test; three letters of recommendation from professors or employers; and a statement of purpose addressing the applicant's background and interests in public service and national security. A résumé and transcripts for all college coursework are also required. Preference will be given to those candidates with one to three years of experience.

There are no prescribed course prerequisites. Many students find the following courses to be useful: one semester each of principles of economics and principles of statistics, at least one semester of undergraduate international relations or world history, and one semester of calculus.

Additional information on degree requirements and the [application process](#) is available on the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs website.