

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NUCLEAR POLICY

The 15-credit graduate certificate in nuclear policy provides a broad knowledge of nuclear security, non-proliferation and arms control issues, as well as broader security and energy policy issues in an international affairs context. Unique to this certificate is the requirement of a hands-on scientific analysis course for non-scientists. Students will gain detailed knowledge of contemporary issues, critical thinking skills, and laboratory experience from expert faculty within the Elliott School of International Affairs.

Visit the program website (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/graduate-certificates/nuclear-policy/>) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions Deadlines Fall: January 7th - Fellowship & Application Deadline

Spring: October 1st - Fellowship & Application Deadline

Applications for admission will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis after the fellowship deadlines have passed, but students will not be considered for fellowships.

Recommendations Two (2) recommendations required:

Standardized GRE and GMAT scores are not accepted and will not be considered in the review process. Please do not submit scores.

Prior academic records: Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended should be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.

If academic records are in a language other than English, English language translations must be provided. The English translations alone should be uploaded into the online application. Official transcripts and certified English translations will be required of applicants who are offered admission.

Statement of purpose: For your Statement of Purpose, choose one of these options:

In an essay of approximately 500 words, state your purpose in undertaking graduate study at the Elliott School of International Affairs. As part of your statement of purpose, describe your academic and research interests, career objectives, and how a degree from the Elliott School will enable you to achieve your goals. Please be specific.

OR

In an essay of approximately 500 words, please discuss an issue of international importance you wish to address in your professional career. Please include how the Elliott School and the academic program to which you have applied will prepare you to address this global issue.

Additional requirements: A resumé or curriculum vitae is required. Resumés/CVs must include dates of employment (if applicable) and date of degree conferral or expected degree conferral.

International applicants only: PLEASE NOTE: International applicants who require a student visa are not eligible for admission to this program.

International Applicants may be required to submit official English language tests scores with their application. Please see the Elliott School's English Language Requirements for guidance on whether you need to take an English language exam. Please send official TOEFL scores to institution code 5246.

The minimum English Language Test Requirements can be found below:

Eligible for Admission & requires EAP Courses:

IELTS- 7.0 overall score, no band score below 6.0

TOEFL- 100 (internet test) 600 (paper test)

PTE- 68

Eligible for Admission & Exempt from EAP Courses**:

IELTS- 7.0 overall score, no band score below 6.5

TOEFL- 105 (internet test) 650 (paper test)

PTE- 72

**Spring applicants must receive at least these scores to be considered for admission.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Office of Graduate Admissions
The Elliott School of International Affairs
The George Washington University
1957 E Street, NW, Suite 301
Washington, DC 20052

Contact for questions:

esiagrad@gwu.edu (202) 994-7050 (phone), (202) 994-9537 (fax)
9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 15 credits, including a required 3-credit core course and 12 credits in supporting courses.

Code	Title	Credits
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Required core course

IAFF 6152	Energy Policy	
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Supporting courses

Four courses (12 credits), three of which must be selected from the list below. This list is sorted by degree of relevance and fit for the nuclear policy graduate certificate program of study. The fourth course can be chosen from this list or from other related courses offered by the University in consultation with the program director.

IAFF 6141 International Science and Technology Policy Cornerstone (Offered in the Fall semester only)

IAFF 6143 Science and Technology Policy Analysis (Offered only in the spring semester. IAFF 6141 is a prerequisite to this course.)

IAFF 6106 Nuclear Weapons

IAFF 6186 Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Nuclear Proliferation and Nonproliferation)

IAFF 6186 Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Nuclear Security)

IAFF 6186 Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Weapons of Mass Destruction and Arms Control)

IAFF 6186 Special Topics in Security Policy Studies (Contemporary Nuclear Challenge)

LAW 6877 Nuclear Nonproliferation Law and Policy *

*Students can include courses in the Law School (<http://www.law.gwu.edu/>) in their program with the permission of the nuclear policy certificate program director. Enrolling in a LAW course also requires the permission of the course instructor and the Law School dean of students (<https://www.law.gwu.edu/dean-of-students/>). Students should consult the Elliott School's Graduate Student Services (<https://elliott.gwu.edu/graduate-academic-advising/>) office before enrolling in LAW courses to review the registration process.